

CLINICAL HANDOVER to PRIMARY CARE

As patients move between hospitals and primary care it is essential a clinical handover accompanies them.

KINDNESS



As specialists working in primary care we know our patients well and appreciate your involvement in their care.

Please reflect for a moment on how important clinical handover is, and the impact you can have on this patient's journey.

IDENTIFY



Who does the patient identify as their GP?

Identify yourself, the treating team, and the clinician to contact if there are any queries relating to this episode of care.

Provide a **contact number**.

SITUATION



How and why did the patient end up under your care?

Diagnosis

BACKGROUND



Summarise what your team did for our patient. Have other teams been involved?

Any **complications**?

Any changes to the patient's **level of function**?

Allergies or adverse drug reactions.

ASSESSMENT



Summarise **significant results**

Medication changes? Describe what was stopped, started, changed and why.

RECOMMENDATION



Follow up appointments, hospital and GP, dates and times.

Results pending? How will the GP be informed? Please do not ask the GP to 'chase' results.

Discharge medication details to patient, GP, and pharmacist.

Provide tapering details for opioids.

Specific aspects of care (sutures, dressings)

Details of anything you would like the GP to arrange.

Recommendation for **management of results**.

Communicate with **all** in the primary care team.

Include the **patient, identified GP, referring doctor** and **other involved clinicians**.

THANK YOU!

