

Paediatric Plastic Surgery referral guidelines

The Women's and Children's Hospital Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Department holds consultant led Outpatients Clinics twice weekly. All new elective referrals will be triaged by a consultant and appointment times scheduled according to the urgency.

The Women's and Children's Hospital Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Department provides a 24hr Emergency Service

Mandatory referral content

Demographic

- > child's name
- > date of birth
- > parent/guardian contact details
- > referring GP details
- > interpreter requirements

Clinical

- > reason for referral
- > clinical urgency
- > duration of symptoms
- > management to date and response to treatment
- > relevant pathology and imaging reports
- > past medical history
- > current medications
- > functional status
- > family history

Priority

Priority will be based upon the information provided in this referral and will be triaged according to the clinic process:

Emergency:	Proceed to the emergency department
Urgent:	We aim to see these patients within 1-4 weeks
Semi-Urgent	We aim to give these patients an appointment within 1-3 months
Routine:	We aim to give these patients an appointment within 3-6 months

To help us best triage your referral it may be returned for further investigations/information if these guidelines are not adhered to

Please note this is a guideline for referral only. If concerned about a patient please contact the Plastic Surgery Registrar via switchboard on 8161 7000.

Conditions treated by the Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Department

Initial pre-referral workup	Guidelines for specialist referral
<p>Conditions to refer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Brachial plexus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congenital and acquired > Hand trauma <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • including microsurgical reconstruction > Hand fractures and dislocations (The orthopaedic team treats scaphoid, foot and all other limb fractures) > Congenital hand deformities for example <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Syndactyly • Polydactyly • Brachydactyly • Macrodactyly • Thumb duplication • Camptodactyly • Clinodactyly • Hypoplasia • Trigger digits • Amniotic bands • Absent digits > Acquired hand deformities for example <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ganglions • Ligamentous injuries > Breast Surgery including; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gynaecomastia • Breast reduction • Breast Reconstruction • Tuberos Breast • Polands Syndrome • Breast asymmetry > Skin and soft tissue trauma of face hands and body > Skin and soft tissue lesions and neoplasms > Vascular anomalies (Multidisciplinary management with Dermatology, Radiology, General Medicine, Orthopaedics and others) > Skin and soft tissue reconstruction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congenital or following trauma or malignancy > Microsurgical reconstruction > Corrective ear surgery for conditions such as; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prominent ears • Constricted ears • Cryptotia etc > Burns In conjunction with paediatric general surgeons within the Women's and Children's Hospital Burns Unit 	<p>Emergency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Compound hand fractures and dislocations > Hand fractures with significant angulation, rotation > Irreducible finger dislocations > Tendon, nerve, arterial injuries > Partial or complete amputations > Nail bed injuries > Complex lacerations or skin defects > Severe tissue infections > immediate referral to emergency department and contact on-call plastic surgery registrar via switch board 81617000 <p>Urgent / Semi-Urgent / Routine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > All other referrals will be triaged by a consultant according to the clinic process





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