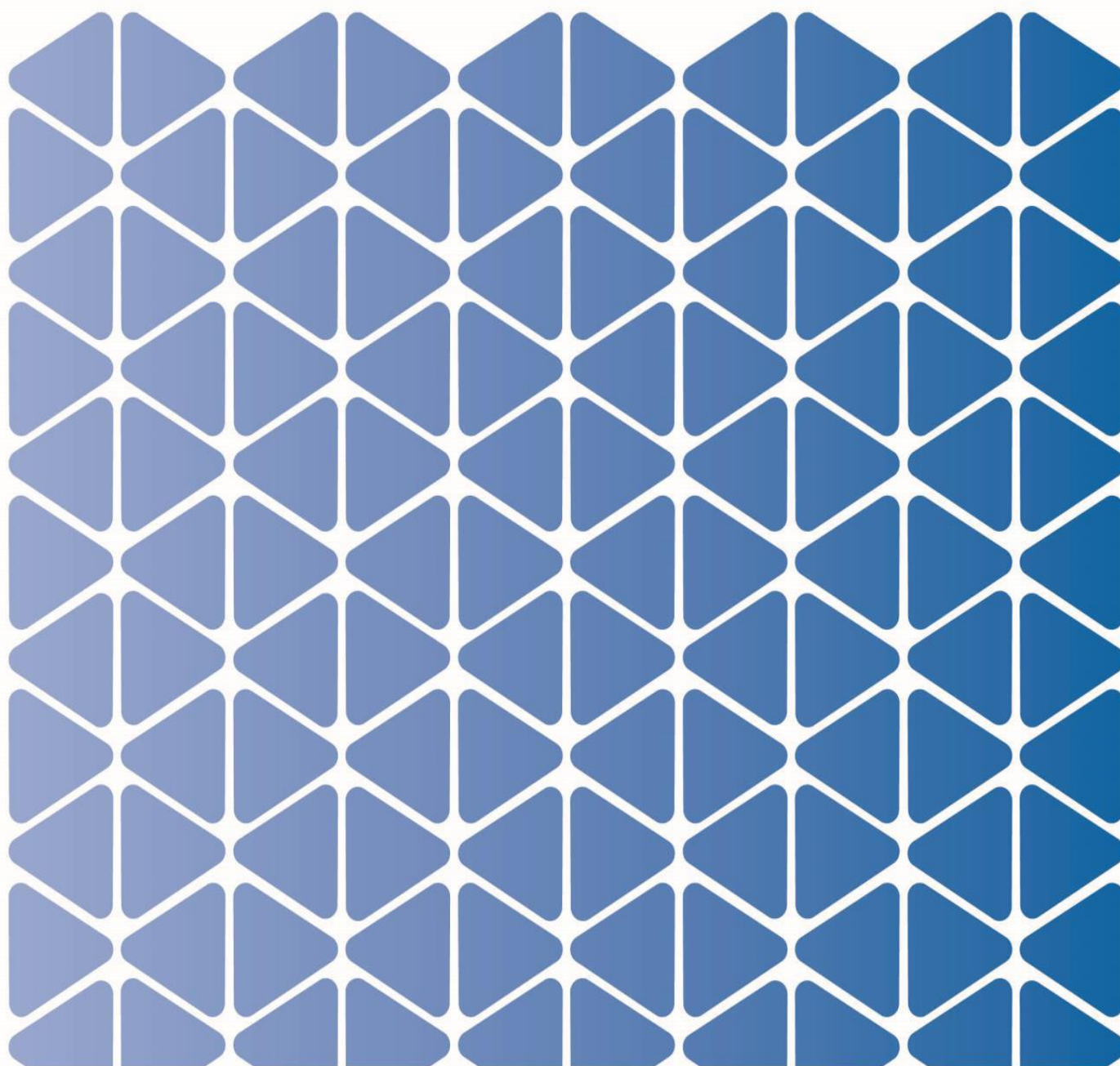


PATIENT INFORMATION

**OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SPLINTING
SERVICE**



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INSTRUCTIONS FOR PATIENT/CAREGIVER (Delete as appropriate)

This splint is for the exclusive use of: _____ It has been made or adjusted to fit you. Please do not attempt to alter it yourself. Our splints and materials are CE/UKCA marked and used in line with manufacturer recommendations. Please inform us if you have a Latex or Elastoplast allergy.

SPLINT PRESCRIPTION:

Type of splint: _____

Wearing instructions: _____

CARE OF YOUR SPLINT (Therapist to delete if not applicable):

1. If your splint is made of plastic it can be washed in warm (not hot) soapy water or using wet wipes.
2. If your splint is made of fabric (e.g. neoprene), it is recommended that you follow the care instructions on the label, the manufacturer's instructions if provided, or as directed below:

3. After washing, ensure both the splint and your hand(s) are completely dry before reapplying the splint.
4. If your splint is made of plastic avoid leaving it near to a direct heat source (e.g. fire, radiator or direct sunlight).
5. Check your splint each time you remove it for any damage to the material or strap, for example frayed edges, sharp edges, or damage to the seams, and notify your Occupational Therapist if there are any problems.

6. Check your skin regularly when wearing the splint and look out for any redness, breaks in the skin, blisters, colour changes, increased swelling, altered sensation (e.g. pins and needles/numbness) or increased pain. If you notice any of these changes, contact your Occupational Therapist for further advice.
7. If you have any difficulty fitting the splint, please contact your Occupational Therapist for further advice.
8. If your splint needs repairing or replacing contact your Occupational Therapist.
9. If there is any specific advice relating to driving and your splint, please see below:

Additional Information or Instructions:

YOUR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST IS: _____

- Rheumatology Occupational Therapy Dept, WRH - (01905) 760462
- Occupational Therapy, Aconbury West, WRH - (01905) 760683
- Occupational Therapy, Alexandra Hospital - (01527) 512146
- Occupational Therapy, Kidderminster Hospital - (01562) 826348

FUTURE APPOINTMENTS:		
DATE:	TIME:	THERAPIST:

Please let us know if you are unable to keep your appointment.

Please contact your therapist if you have any queries or concerns

Worcester- 01905 760683; 01905 760462 | Alexandra- 01527 512146 | Kidderminster- 01562 826348

Patient Experience

We know that being admitted to hospital can be a difficult and unsettling time for you and your loved ones. If you have any questions or concerns, please do speak with a member of staff on the ward or in the relevant department who will do their best to answer your questions and reassure you.

Feedback

Feedback is really important and useful to us – it can tell us where we are working well and where improvements can be made. There are lots of ways you can share your experience with us including completing our Friends and Family Test – cards are available and can be posted on all wards, departments and clinics at our hospitals. We value your comments and feedback and thank you for taking the time to share this with us.

Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS)

If you have any concerns or questions about your care, we advise you to talk with the nurse in charge or the department manager in the first instance as they are best placed to answer any questions or resolve concerns quickly. If the relevant member of staff is unable to help resolve your concern, you can contact the PALS Team. We offer informal help, advice or support about any aspect of hospital services & experiences.

Our PALS team will liaise with the various departments in our hospitals on your behalf, if you feel unable to do so, to resolve your problems and where appropriate refer to outside help.

If you are still unhappy you can contact the Complaints Department, who can investigate your concerns. You can make a complaint orally, electronically or in writing and we can advise and guide you through the complaints procedure.

How to contact PALS:

Telephone Patient Services: 0300 123 1732 or via email at: wah-tr.PALS@nhs.net

Opening times:

The PALS telephone lines are open Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 4.00pm. Please be aware that you may need to leave a voicemail message, but we aim to return your call within one working day.

If you are unable to understand this leaflet, please communicate with a member of staff.

If your symptoms or condition worsens, or if you are concerned about anything, please call your GP, 111, or 999.