

# 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**.

**T H A N K   Y O U !**

