**Information for DDH Patients During the Covid-19 Coronavirus Outbreak**

**Contact Details**

Plaster room phone: 0141 452 4129

Plaster room email: plaster@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

**Unstable Hips in babies**

Hip dysplasia in young babies is commonly treated with the use of a Pavlik harness.

This is a stirrup device that is carefully applied to your baby with the lower limbs in a safe position for successful treatment of the hip. The harness remains in place 24 hours a day, and bathing is facilitated under normal circumstances by weekly attendances at a plaster room clinic here at RHC.

Given the new regulations regarding household isolation, we expect that there could be significant disruption to both a baby and family’s ability to attend, and also safe staffing levels here at RHC. We are likely to be therefore organising the treatment of babies with DDH here at limited weekly clinics. This is for those that need to be seen and treated urgently.

There will be some babies that can be safely seen a few weeks down the line when the staffing levels are more secure and the hospital able to cope in a more predictable fashion.

If your child has been referred with regards their hips, or is currently being treated, please contact the plaster room and confirm for us your contact details by mobile phone so that we can keep in touch and organise a suitable clinic or telephone clinic for your child to attend.

We will be hoping to run limited clinics as necessary but it is inevitable that there may be cancellations or rescheduling in order to treat all patients in order of clinical priority.

**Babies already in harness**

In the event of a problem with a baby already in harness, please contact the plaster room directly rather than attending the emergency department.
Photographs or any problematic issues may be emailed to the plaster room at the address above.

**Harness removal**

For babies that are already well into their treatment period or coming to an end, we will be able to allow and co ordinate with you safe removal of the harness at home.

If you or any member of your family have symptoms such as a fever or a cough please follow the guidelines from the government at <https://www.nhsinform.scot/coronavirus> and do not attend the hospital if the guidance is that you should be isolated. In that situation please inform the plaster room so that we can arrange for you to be seen at a different time.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this difficult time. If you have any further questions please get in touch via the plaster room.

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