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Ms. Denise O'Sullivan
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Re: Fracture Clinic Referrals from other hospitals

Dear Denise

I would like to highlight the current policy with you with respect to fracture clinic referrals.

At the present time we currently accept fracture clinic referrals from the Accident and Emergency Departments of Cork University Hospital, South Infirmary, Mercy Hospital, Mallow Hospital and most recently Bantry Hospital.

If a patient has attended an orthopaedic unit in another part of this country or abroad and has returned and requires fracture care then an appointment can be given to them for the fracture clinic directly. The mechanism for this referral would be via fax or email from the hospital where they were originally treated, or their General Practitioner, to a secretary of one of the orthopaedic consultants.

If the correspondence is referred to the Department of Orthopaedics and Trauma and a specified consultant is not named then it should be delivered to the secretary of the consultant who is on call on the particular day that the fax is received.

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There should be no necessity for a patient, who has been treated in another orthopaedic unit to attend A&E in order to get a referral from the fracture clinic.

Many Thanks

Yours sincerely

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