

Hospital Logo

Department of Trauma & Orthopaedics

<Hospital Name>

<Hospital Address>

<Town>

<PostCode>

Telephone: < >

Typed: <OutPatient Event: Appointment Date>

<Consultant Initials AA/BB/CC>

<Patient: Name>

<Patient: Address>

Dear <Patient: Salutation> <Patient: Surname>,

Your recent attendance at the Emergency Department has been reviewed. Occasionally a fracture (or break) in one of the wrist bones does not show up on initial x-rays. To check if there is a fracture, a special scan (MRI) will be arranged for you. You have been provided with a wrist splint for support in the interim.

We will check the results of your scan. This commonly takes place the weekend after your scan. We will contact you by telephone:

- If a fracture **is detected** you will be invited to a specialist hand and wrist clinic to discuss the injury further.
- If a fracture or other significant injury **is not detected**, you will be advised to remove the splint and start using your wrist as normal. In these cases, it is most likely that you have suffered a simple sprain and these usually improve over a few weeks.

If you have any questions, please contact the Fracture Clinic at <HospitalName>, Tel: <HospitalPhoneNumber>. It is open Monday to Friday <TimeAm> to <TimePm>. Outwith these hours, should you have any urgent problems or concerns, please contact or attend the local Emergency Department.

Yours sincerely,

<CONSULTANT NAME INITIAL/SURNAME>

Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeons

Copy to: <GP: Name>

<GP: Address>