

Patient Information for the X-ray of Minor Injuries

Following your recent injury and appointment with your GP, your GP has requested that you have an X-ray of your injury to see if you have broken any bones.

This system has been developed to allow you to book an appointment for your X-ray on the same day as you have seen your GP or early the next day if it is not practical or convenient for you to attend on the day you are referred.

What do I need to do now?

- You need to contact the Emergency Department (ED) Radiology Department at the Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital on:
 - **01603 289107 (NNUH)** between:
 - **9am – 5pm - Monday - Friday to book an appointment.**

Appointment times are between 9am – 5pm that day or next working day (Monday – Friday only).

Please note that it is important for you to phone to make an appointment prior to attending for an X-ray. If you do not call within 1 working day of your GP making the request, the referral will be cancelled.

What is an X-ray?

- It is an image (or picture), taken by a Radiographer of the part of your body that you have injured which will show if you have broken any bones.
- The X-ray is displayed on a computer monitor, where it can be looked at by a trained professional.

Why do I need an X-ray?

- The information provided on the X-ray will help with the diagnosis of your injury to see if you need any further treatment.
- Your X-rays will be looked at by either a Radiologist (a doctor specialising in X-rays) or a Reporting Radiographer - trained to interpret the X-rays -who will write a report whilst you are still in the Radiology department.
- If the report shows that you have an injury that needs further treatment, you will be taken to the Emergency Department (NNUH) to be booked in for this treatment.
- If the report shows that you do not have a fracture, you will be informed to return to your GP for further management and can leave the department. A copy of the report of your X-rays will then be sent to your GP.

Please note this service is only available at the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital, and NOT Cromer Hospital.

If you have any queries, please call 01603 289107.

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