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Subject: Referral process for Orthopaedic follow up appointments

Q1 An adult patient (who usually lives in your catchment area) sustains an injury, whilst out of area, that requires Orthopaedic follow up as an outpatient. They have attended the Emergency Department nearest to where they are staying and received initial management and are now able to be discharged for out-patient follow up. They would like to have this managed at their local hospital (your NHS Trust)

What mechanism would the referral hospital need to go through to ensure this follow up and timely review occurs. Please include as much detail as possible, imagining that you are the clinician at the referring hospital.

A1 Information not held - Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust is a specialist children's hospital and does not provide services for adults.

Q2 A paediatric patient aged 16 and under, (who usually lives in your catchment area) sustains an injury, whilst out of area, that requires Orthopaedic follow up as an outpatient. They have attended the Emergency Department nearest to where they are staying and received initial management and are now able to be discharged for out-patient follow up. They would like to have this managed at their local hospital (your NHS Trust)

What mechanism would the referral hospital need to go through to ensure this follow up and timely review occurs. Please include as much detail as possible, imagining that you are the clinician at the referring hospital.

A2 The expectation and good practice would be that the Ortho team in the Emergency Department to refer to Ortho on call team here at Alder Hey to arrange # CLINIC appointment and images would be linked via an Image Exchange Portal (IEP) to the Picture Archiving Communication System (PACS) (if not able to the patient would need to bring a CD of images) with this a faxed / email referral to on call consultant PCO to arrange # clinic appt and to be discussed at handover with on call consultant.

If patient is seen by Paediatric Emergency Department (PED) staff in another hospital, then the patient would need to attend our PED and a fracture clinic appointment made accordingly.