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Minor Surgery Service Policy

Overview

We provide a high-quality minor surgery service within our practice for the assessment and treatment of selected skin and soft tissue conditions. All procedures are undertaken by appropriately trained clinicians in a safe, clean, and regulated clinical environment.

Our service is designed to deliver safe, effective, and patient-centred care in line with NHS standards, national guidance, and local commissioning requirements.

Our Commitment to Patient Safety

Patient safety is our highest priority. We follow strict clinical protocols to ensure all procedures are carried out safely and appropriately.

This includes:

- Careful patient selection and pre-procedure assessment
- Use of sterile equipment and safe surgical techniques
- Adherence to infection prevention and control standards
- Monitoring and audit of outcomes
- Clear communication and follow-up care

Zero Infection Commitment

We operate a “**Zero Infection**” approach, aiming to minimise the risk of post-procedural infection to as close to zero as possible.

While no surgical procedure is entirely risk-free, we continuously monitor infection rates and take immediate action if any concerns arise.

Infections reported to date this year: Zero

Patient Selection and Assessment

All patients are assessed before being booked into the clinic to ensure that:

- The procedure is suitable for a primary care setting
- There are no clinical risks requiring specialist referral
- Medical conditions and medications (e.g. blood thinners) are appropriately managed

Where necessary, patients will be referred to secondary care for further assessment.

Consent and Patient Information

Before any procedure:

- The procedure, risks, benefits, and alternatives are fully explained
- Patients are given the opportunity to ask questions
- Written informed consent is obtained

Patients also receive clear written aftercare instructions.

Clinical Standards and Governance

Our service complies with:

- NHS and Care Quality Commission (CQC) standards
- National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) guidance
- Local Integrated Care Board (ICB) policies

We ensure:

- Clinicians are appropriately trained and competent
 - Regular audit of outcomes, including infection rates and complications
 - Robust incident reporting and learning processes
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Aftercare and Follow-Up

Following your procedure:

- You will receive advice on wound care and recovery
- A follow-up appointment will be arranged if required
- Results (e.g. histology) will be communicated to you promptly

Patients are advised to contact the practice if they experience:

- Increasing pain, redness, or swelling
 - Discharge from the wound
 - Fever or feeling unwell
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Confidentiality and Data Protection

All patient information is handled in accordance with:

- UK GDPR
- NHS confidentiality standards

Your personal and medical information will be kept secure and used only for your care.

Continuous Improvement

We are committed to ongoing improvement of our minor surgery service. This includes:

- Patient feedback
 - Regular staff training
 - Clinical audit and review
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Contact Us

If you have any questions about our minor surgery service, please contact the practice team who will be happy to help.