

Patient Information

## Ophthalmology

# Going home after first stage eyelid skin cancer surgery

**Banda Label**



**With eye dressing to stay on for seven days**

**This leaflet aims to give you the information you need whilst recovering from your procedure**

### **The day of surgery**

You will have a dressing covering your eye for the **next week and are advised not to drive.**

This dressing will remain in place until the second stage of your operation, usually in seven days, the surgeon will remove the dressing for you at the hospital.

You are not expected to administer any eye medication during this time. If you have any problems with the dressing at home please contact the hospital for advice, numbers are listed below.

### **Pain**

As the local anaesthetic wears off you may feel some discomfort. Take pain relief when required, such as paracetamol, ibuprofen, or your usual pain relief medication.



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### Sedation

If you have had sedation, **you must** have someone to take you home. **You should not** operate machinery or make any important decisions in the first 24 hours after your operation. It is also advisable to have someone at home with you for the first 24 hours if possible.

### Things to avoid during this time:

- Driving
- Getting the dressing wet

Be aware, having one eye covered can affect your ability to judge distances.

### Contact numbers:

Ophthalmology Daycase Unit  
Monday - Friday 7:30am - 5:30pm

024 7696 5923

**Sister Hazel Mercado**

024 7696 6533

DSU Ward (Amber Pathway – Male Area)

024 7696 6861

DSU Ward (Amber Pathway- Female Area)

024 7696 6868

Ward 10 (Green Pathway)

024 7696 5110

Clinic 9 Monday to Friday 8.30am – 5.00pm

024 7696 6606

Mr Ahluwalia's Secretary

024 7696 6506

Mrs Mehta's Secretary

024 7696 6508

The Trust has access to interpreting and translation services. If you need this information in another language or format please contact 024 7696 5923 and we will do our best to meet your needs.

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## **Emergency Eye Appointments: New Booking System**

If you have an urgent eye problem, you can now book an on-the-day telephone consultation via the Eye Emergency Referral Service (EERS).



**Scan the QR code or visit [uhcw.nhs.uk](http://uhcw.nhs.uk) and search Eye Emergency Referral Service the section How to Access our Services will take you to a link to book a telephone consultation.**

You will be spoken to by an expert clinician who will give you specialist advice on the next steps to take.

Please provide a phone number which you can be contacted on for the consultation. Please also be aware that you will be phoned as close to the allotted time as possible, although at busy times unfortunately there may be a delay.

**In the event that you feel you cannot wait to speak to someone or do not have online access then you may call 0247 696 4800.**

**This phone line is open 9am - 1pm; 1.30pm - 5pm (Monday - Friday, excluding bank holidays) and 9am - 12pm (Saturday).**

In the event of an eye emergency out of hours, please attend the Minor Injuries Unit/Emergency Department.

Please only attend the Eye Outpatient department if you have had a telephone consultation in advance and have been advised to attend.