

Covid-19 Update for Craniofacial Patients

Elective Patient Plan

Alder Hey Hospital has cancelled all not urgent appointments and operations due to the unprecedented expected demand the hospital will face in the coming weeks. As much as possible we will try to telephone patients in order to check that any delay is not going to result in deterioration. In as many instances as possible we will replace the appointment with a telephone consultation.

As soon as more normal service resumes we will be catching up with all of the activity where possible but this will need to be prioritised and almost certainly will result in delay for some patients.

Urgent Patient Plan

Patients who need to be seen or operated on more urgently will still receive treatment. Our teams are available, robust and have the facilities and capacity to be able to manage these issues.

Families of patients with concern can still contact the department in the same way as before by email or telephone.

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Psychology and Speech and Language Assessments

For all upcoming psychology screening appointments, if you haven't already, you will soon receive questionnaires through the post to review how your child is doing currently. This will enable us to monitor if you have any concerns about your child's development, behaviour or education.

If there are any concerns, we are available to discuss further by telephone at present and then would be able to assess in person in the future.

If you have any other concerns about your child's emotional, behavioural or developmental needs, please contact the craniofacial psychology team on 0151 252 5586.

Craniofacial SALT COVID 19 response

All clinic/assessments for the immediate future are cancelled.

SALT will triage already existing Tuesday clinics for patients that were due assessments.

Any patients that look like a phone consult would be beneficial will receive one.

All assessments from 3, 6-7 & 10-11 age groups will be postponed until after COVID-19

All 18 month assessments can be conducted over the telephone

Any parents who are concerned regarding their child's feeding or language skills can call 0151 252 5404 and one of the SALT team will call back