**PATIENT INFORMATION SHEET ON POSSIBLE DEEP VEIN**

**THROMBOSIS**

Your doctor has examined you today and thinks that you may have a Deep Vein Thrombosis

(DVT). This is a condition where the blood in the veins of the leg has clotted which can lead to pain, redness and swelling of the leg.

We will give a one off dose of anticoagulant while you are investigated to see if there is a clot. If you are shown to have a DVT, you will be continue on with ongoing blood thinning treatment which will dissolve the clot in the leg.

There are other possible causes of painful, swollen legs and these will also be considered.

Although some people can suffer a DVT out of the blue, in most cases there is a history of

immobility due perhaps to prolonged sitting or following an operation. When treated promptly, this condition rarely causes serious or long-term problems.

**WHAT HAPPENS NOW**

You will be started on injections under the skin to thin your blood and bloods have been taken. Your GP will inform the hospital where bloods and or a special USS of the leg will show if there is a DVT or not.

The hospital has been sent all your information and you should expect a contact within 24 hours to tell you if you need to have a further scan of the leg or review in clinic.

If you haven’t been contacted by the hospital within 24 hours please contact the hospital on 0113 2065057 or speak to your surgery please

**WHEN TO SEEK FURTHER ADVICE**

Telephone your Doctors Surgery or 111 if you get any of the following problems before you get your leg scan.

- any chest pain or breathlessness

- signs that the swelling of redness is spreading

- cough

of call 999 if you think the problem is an emergency

**PLEASE CONTACT A DOCTOR IF YOU HAVE NOT MENTIONED ANY HISTORY OF PREGNANCY, RECENT OPERATION, A HISTORY OF STROKE OR INTERNAL BLEEDING**