

## Patients with catheters following day-case surgery

We are sorry that you have to have a catheter following your day-case operation, and we hope that this will just be a short-term, temporary problem for you.

You should have received a booklet entitled: 'Your community health catheter passport', which explains all about catheters, how to look after them, and what to do if there is a problem.

We will arrange for you to have an appointment to have the catheter removed – this is called 'trial without catheter', or 'TWOC'.

**If you have problems and are not sure what to do, these are the numbers you can call for advice or help:**

■ **For acute problems out-of-hours:**

- For Exeter patients, call the Surgical Assessment Unit (SAU) in Exeter on **01392 402638**.
- If your normal hospital is North Devon, then you should attend the A&E department there, with a copy of your discharge summary and this leaflet. You will be directed to the on-call General Surgical team, who cover urological as well as general surgical emergencies.

■ **For non-acute problems and within office hours:**

Please call your consultant's secretary via the hospital switchboard on **01392 411611** (Exeter), or **01271 322577** for North Devon patients.

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