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Pinnaplasty

Ear, Nose and Throat Department



Further Information

We endeavour to provide an excellent service at all times, but should you have any concerns please, in the first instance, raise these with the Matron, Senior Nurse or Manager on duty.

If they cannot resolve your concern, please contact our Patient Experience Team on 01932 723553 or email asp-tr.patient.advice@nhs.net. If you remain concerned, the team can also advise upon how to make a formal complaint.

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Pinnaplasty

Why is the operation being done?

To improve the appearance of your child's prominent ears.

What will happen in the operation?

The operation will be done from behind the ear, with no scars visible from the front.

There will be some fine small sutures on the back of the ear; these will dissolve in due course. The ears will be protected by a dressing and head-bandage which will be removed at the post-operative outpatient appointment a week after the operation.

What are the possible complications?

Sometimes the ears are not entirely symmetrical and depending on the technique used they could partly revert to their original shape, but this is unlikely. There may be a little bleeding afterwards but this usually settles especially if your child keeps their head up and avoids lying flat. The head bandage will feel quite tight and uncomfortable afterwards but if your child complains of progressively increasing pain or a fever this may be due to an infection, which could cause loss of the remaining cartilage and loss of support of the ear. This is most unlikely but if you are concerned please consult the A&E department at the

Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, details below, (not St. Peter's or Ashford Hospitals), and ask to be seen by the on call Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) staff who are available 24 hours a day.

What medication will my child need?

This is not a particularly painful operation but it is advisable to stock up with paracetamol (Calpol) and ibuprofen (Nurofen).

How long should my child stay off school?

Although they feel well afterwards it can be hard to hear through the head-bandage and most children prefer to stay off school for a week until their post-operative clinic appointment when the head-bandage is removed.

What should I do to prepare for the operation?

It is important to buy a couple of snugly fitting **elasticated** (tennis type) **sports headbands** for your child to wear at night for 6 weeks after the surgery. It is crucial to get these **before** the operation as you can try them for size whereas after the operation your child will have a head bandage on and will not be able to try the elasticated headbands over it.

Any further worries?

If you are concerned after the procedure, these please consult your GP, the ward at St. Peter's Hospital or in an emergency the A&E department at the **Royal Surrey County Hospital**, Guildford.

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