

**ALTNAGELVIN HOSPITALS HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES TRUST**

**MEDICAL DIRECTOR**

**MEMORANDUM**

To All Surgeons, Consultant Paediatricians, Nursing Staff Ward 6

Date 2-5-03

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**PAEDIATRIC FLUID MANAGEMENT**

As a result of some uncertainty regarding the management of Surgical Paediatric Patients I wish to advise you of the following action which has been agreed by Mr Bateson, Clinical Director.

- All surgeons will do a ward round Monday to Friday of all their patients, including paediatric patients, starting at approximately 8.30 a.m. To facilitate this it has been agreed that fixed sessions, e.g. theatres and outpatients will begin at 10.00 a.m.
- The previous day's on call surgeon will visit the Paediatric Ward first thing every morning to check the condition of surgical patients admitted during the night.
- Surgeons will direct the surgical management of the paediatric patient and will advise the nursing staff of their specific test requirements for each patient.
- The Paediatric nursing staff will bleep the surgeon, or nominated deputy, and inform them of the results when available. If the Named Consultant is not available then the On-call surgeon should be bleeped.
- Surgeons are responsible for the management of the children admitted under their care. If they require advice regarding the medical condition of the child the Paediatricians will be happy to provide assistance.

I trust you will agree with the protocol which should ensure that Paediatric Surgical patient receive the highest standard of care possible.

  
**DR. GEOFF NESBITT**  
**MEDICAL DIRECTOR**

  
**MR PAUL BATESON**  
**CLINICAL DIRECTOR**