Guidelines for referral to an A&E Review Clinic.

Before making an A&E Review Clinic appointment, it is important to remember that :

- There are only a limited number of clinic slots.
- Be clear as to why your patient needs to be reviewed

Remember to :

- Follow guidelines as per the Folder.
- Arrange appts with some laxity (e.g. 5-7 days) to allow Reception to even out clinic numbers during the week.
- If in doubt about need for follow up – ask a senior.

Soft tissue injuries.

- Minor soft tissue injuries can be followed up by the GP if adequate information is provided in the GP letter.
- Significant soft tissue injuries (may need further investigation to exclude other pathology – e.g. of knee, ankle, wrist, shoulder) should be managed as per the guidelines.
- If A&E clinic is required, give adequate analgesia, advice on self physio and review as appropriate.

Partial thickness burns.

- Gelonet dressings, aspirate tense blisters.
- Re-assess at 3-4 days – if clean and healing can be followed up by GP.

Follow up for wounds.

- Only dirty wounds (or large wounds) that have proved difficult to clean/debride need to be followed up in Clinic.
- Complicated bites (especially human bites) and those involving joints need to be followed up as per the guidelines.
- Most wounds that have been thoroughly cleaned and sutured can be followed up by the GP practice