

**INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS UNDERGOING INTRAVENOUS (IV) THERAPY  
AT HOME BY THE CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM**

- The course of medication that you are having at home is the same as that started whilst in hospital; no other IV medication will be given by our nurses
- The team may take blood samples requested by your Hospital Consultant or the Consultant Microbiologist. As a result of this, the dose of medication may be adjusted
- Your medication will be given by a cannula, PICC line or skin tunnelled catheter. These devices are all tubes that allow the medication to be delivered directly into the blood stream
- If the skin around this device becomes sore, hot, red or swollen, inform the team as soon as possible
- The device will be covered with a dressing between our visits. Please avoid knocking the device or getting it wet or dirty
- If the cannula does accidentally get pulled out, this will not be harmful but you need to raise the arm and press a clean tissue over the area to stop any bleeding
- On occasions it may be necessary to replace the cannula; this will be done by the nurse visiting
- Some people have veins that are difficult to put a cannula into and occasionally patients have to return to hospital for this to be done
- While you are having your treatment we will leave an equipment box and sharps bin at your home
- The nurse will visit at the time required for your medication; however this may vary a little due to our workload and travel between visits

If you have any concerns you can contact the team 24/7 on **07747794698**

I consent to the administration of intravenous therapy by the Crisis Response Team	<b>Name</b>			
	<b>NHS No</b>		<b>Date of Birth:</b>	
	<b>Date</b>			
	<b>Signature</b>			

**TO BE SCANNED ONTO PATIENT'S NOTES**