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#### Where is Luton Treatment Centre?

Free parking is available at the Luton Treatment Centre- follow the driveway around to the back of the building from the entrance.

Disabled parking and access to the building is also located at the back of the building – follow the signs



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# **Community DVT Service**

# Patient Information Discharge Advice following DVT Assessment

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#### **Dear Patient**

Your GP referred you for an urgent assessment on your leg today. This is because your GP was concerned that you could have a Deep Vein Thrombosis (blood clot) in your leg.

During your visit to the Luton Treatment Centre today the DVT Nurse Specialist has completed a thorough assessment and blood test to investigate the possibility of a Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT) being present.

#### The assessment

- Detailed general medical history
- History of the problem in your leg
- Examination of your leg
- Monitoring your observations of blood pressure, pulse, temperature, respirations and oxygen levels
- Blood test (D. Dimer).

#### D. Dimer Blood Test

This blood test monitors the amount of D. Dimer present in your blood. D. Dimer is a test used to find any active blood clot formation. (D. Dimer results are elevated when deep vein thrombosis are present). Your blood test showed a low amount of D. Dimer present.

## Results of today's assessment

The assessment undertaken today has excluded the possibility of there being a DVT present based on your low blood test result and nursing assessment. You are therefore discharged back to the care of your GP for further investigation if necessary. A discharge letter will have been sent to your GP.

## Follow up advice

We would advise you to rest and elevate your leg where possible, take pain relief medication if necessary and arrange to go back to your GP.

#### **Additional information**

# What is a Deep Vein Thrombosis?

A Deep Vein Thrombosis also known as a DVT refers to the formation of a thrombus in a deep vein. A thrombus is a blood clot. Commonly DVT's are located in the deep veins in the calf or thigh.

# Who are the DVT Specialist Nurses:

- Sarah Munroe
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