

**Patient Advice Leaflet
Community Needlestick/Bite Injury**



You attended the Emergency Department today having sustained a needlestick injury

Risks:

The risk of developing an infection following this type of injury is rare. To date, in the UK, there have been no reports of HIV or Hepatitis C being acquired after a community needlestick injury. The risks of Hepatitis B are also very low

What has happened today? (Medical staff tick if completed)

- Blood has been taken for storage.
- Tetanus booster has been given (if required)
- 1st dose of Hepatitis B vaccine has been given.
- Referral made to Ad Hoc vaccination service for completion of HepB

What needs to happen now?

Inform your GP practice of your attendance as you will require:

- GP may test for Hepatitis B/C in 8, 12 and 24 weeks
 HIV in 8 and 12 weeks
- For a child follow up will be arranged with paediatrics

Please take this letter along to your GP surgery when you next attend