Community Liaison

Who Are Community Liaison?
- Two Senior Nurses experienced in Spinal Cord Injury (SCI).
- Part of a multi-disciplinary outpatient team based at the Spinal Centre.

What do they offer?
- Advice and support about all aspects of life with a SCI to patients and to those involved in their care.
- Visits to patients in their own home, work place, interim placement, nursing home or in hospital.
- If patients are admitted to their local hospital and are able to let us know, we can give support and advice to them and the Healthcare professionals.
- Advisory service: telephone, email.
- Community Liaison Nurses have a wealth of experience and in-depth knowledge about complex Tissue Viability issues (Wound management).
  - Community Liaison Nurses can link up with the Community nurses to assist in the ongoing planning of care and treatment.
  - Information can be provided about various aspects of living with a SCI.
  - Community Nurse Study Days for District Nurses, Continence Advisers, Carers and other Healthcare Professionals on aspects of SCI.

Who do they visit?
- Any patient who is under the care of the Spinal Centre.

When do they visit?
- Usually 6-8 weeks after initial discharge and then 6 months later depending on location or the patient’s individual need.
- Due to the large catchment area, there are set dates to visit areas over 100 miles from the Spinal Centre.
- When requested by the patient or those involved in their care.
- When requested to visit by other members of the Outpatient Team.

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