

**Further sources of information**

NHS Choices: [www.nhs.uk/conditions](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions)

Our website: [www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk](http://www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk)

**Patient Experience Team (PET)**

PET is available to help with any of your compliments, concerns or complaints, and will ensure a prompt and efficient service.

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**INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS, PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND CARERS**

**Discharge advice**  
**Grommets**



## Pain and discomfort

Grommet insertion should only cause mild discomfort. Simple paracetamol and ibuprofen can be used.

Your child or young person last had pain relief at:

Paracetamol .....

Ibuprofen .....

## School

Your child or young person can return to nursery or school 24 hours after the operation. However, your child or young person may want to rest for longer.



## Having a bath or shower

A child or young person should keep their ears dry for the first three days following their operation. You can plug a child or young person's ears with cotton wool covered with Vaseline to protect the ear while bathing.

## Swimming

Your child or young person cannot swim for four weeks after the insertion of grommets. Occasionally, grommets can cause infection or pain when swimming. If this happens it is recommended that ear plugs and/or a swimming cap be used.

