



**University Hospitals of
Derby and Burton**
NHS Foundation Trust

Dear Patients,

Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 pandemic we have been unable to offer a number of patients a date for surgery/injection.

Just to keep you informed, we are still currently limited with the volume of routine hand surgery we can provide. The only surgeries we can currently offer are trauma surgery and clinically urgent/high priority cases and long waiters.

This is likely to be the case for some time due to the current Covid-19 guidelines within the hospital. As you will appreciate, our capacity to provide routine surgery is massively reduced with a backlog of many cancelled operating lists during lock down.

We would just like to assure you that our patients have not been forgotten and remain on our waiting list. We will contact you as soon as we are able to resume our routine hand surgery lists. Alternatively, you may receive a telephone consultation appointment to check your progress.

We would also ask you to contact us if you no longer require your surgery, injection or appointment or if your symptoms have settled. We will then be able to offer you an open appointment, which enables you to be seen/treated again in the future without having to go through your GP.

We thank you for your patience during these unprecedented times.

Kindest regards,

The Pulvertaft Hand Centre