**Clinical Pathway for Wound Management**

**Patient assessed as suitable for discharge home.**

**NB: First packing change must be performed on the ward.**

**Systemically well, with observations within normal limits for age for >12hours**

**Referred to Care Closer to Home**

**Details for referral to include demographics and parent contact numbers,**

 **Diagnosis and treatment plan.**

**Dressings for 48 hours to be given to patient on discharge.**

**Details of any follow up required.**

**Care Closer to Home to contact family directly to arrange home visit.**

**Community setting/Home visit:**

**Wound assessment undertaken.**

**Plan of care implemented to include frequency of intervention.**

**Community Childrens Nursing Service may refer to specialist services as appropriate.**

**Discharge from Care Closer to Home when treatment complete.**

**Documentation completed and filed on discharge.**

**NB: surgical patients over the age of 5 years do not have open access to the ward.**