

AIRWAY MANAGEMENT ALERT INFORMATION

**Royal Derby Hospital**

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Dear………………………..,

### PATIENT LETTER

**Department of Anaesthetics Royal Derby Hospital Uttoxeter Road**

**Derby DE22 3NE**

**Date: …. /…. /……..**

Your Anaesthetic Doctor came to see you today to explain an important difficulty encountered after you were anaesthetised for your operation.

It was difficult to place a breathing tube into your windpipe/ trachea, which is known as a difficult intubation.

We wish to emphasize that this difficulty has no lasting effects now, but future doctors need to know what happened to make further operations as safe as possible.

The enclosed form tells future doctors the details of this difficulty. We further recommend that you inform your close relatives or friends in the event that they need to provide this information on your behalf.

Please show this form to any doctors if you have further hospital visits which may result in having either an operation or an anaesthetic for any reason.

Yours Sincerely

Sign…………………………….. Print………………………………

GMC:……………………………

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### Department of Anaesthetics Royal Derby Hospital

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**Date: …. /…. /……..**

To whom it may concern. This patient had an unanticipated difficult intubation at Royal Derby Hospital.

**Procedure/Surgery** …………………………..

**Difficulty was:**

* Unpredicted  Predicted due to………………….

**Laryngoscopy Grade:** ……………..

**Reasons for difficulty included:**

* Reduced neck mobility
* Anterior larynx
* Reduced mouth opening
* Immobile epiglottis

 Other: ………………………………

**Bag/mask ventilation was:**

* Easy  Difficult

**The patient’s airway was ultimately secured:**

* Awake  Asleep  Could not be secured

**Using:**

* Laryngoscope: ……………………
* Videolaryngoscope: ………………..
* Fibrescope
* Tracheostomy/Cricothyrotomy

 Other…………………………………

**My recommendation to secure the airway for any further operations is:**

* Awake fibreoptic intubation

 Other: ………………………………

**Further comments about this case:**

Sign………………………………… Print………………………. Grade………… GMC……………………………….