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## **Introduction**

Biopsies of the skin in the region of the head and neck are generally simple procedures which are performed in the outpatient department under local anaesthesia (numbing injections). The reason for undertaking this minor surgery is to either completely remove a lesion or to have a better understanding of what it is, by looking at a small part of the skin lesion under the microscope. This can help to diagnose and plan fu remove a



## What should I do if there is a problem?

If you have any concerns such as prolonged bleeding, increased swelling or severe pain and would like to speak to a doctor, please call the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery on 01271 322477.

### **PAL**

The Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) ensures that the NHS listens to patients, relatives, carers and friends, answers questions and resolves concerns as quickly as possible. If you have a query or concern call 01271 314090 or email [ndht.pals@nhs.net](mailto:ndht.pals@nhs.net). You can also visit the PALS and Information Centre in person at North Devon District Hospital, Barnstaple.

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Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust aims to provide high quality services. However, please tell us when something could be improved. If you have a comment or compliment about a service or treatment, please raise your comments with a member of staff or the PALS team in the first instance.

'Care Opinion' comments forms are on all wards or online at [www.careopinion.org.uk](http://www.careopinion.org.uk).

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