Guidance for Referral to Frenchay Hospital, Bristol

Criteria for Discussion / Referral
- All burns/scalds in children greater than 1%
- All circumferential burns
- All burns with associated injuries such as smoke or gas inhalation or electric shock
- All burns/scalds of any size involving face, hands, perineum and/or chest
- All children ‘unwell’ shortly after burn injury (of any size)
- All burns of any size in children that have not healed within two weeks
- All full thickness burns
- All neonatal burns of any size
- All children with burns and child protection concerns
- Any other case that causes concern

Case requires discussion with SW Regional Paediatric Burn Service
Telephone: (0117) 970 1212 Bleep 1302

Fluid Guidelines
To calculate % area burn, use ‘Lund and Browder’ charts and only include blistered skin or full-thickness burn, ignore erythema
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- Do not catheterise unless very lengthy journey planned (>4-6 hrs)
- Do not insert central lines unless absolutely necessary
- Keep child nil by mouth as GA is likely
- Do not start antibiotics
- Cover burns in layered cling film or Vaseline for facial burns

Toxic Shock Advice
If a child presents with any of the following symptoms following burn injury, a full re-assessment is required and discussion with the Burns Centre:
- High Temperature (>38°C)
- A rash
- Diarrhoea and / or vomiting
- General malaise – not eating or drinking or disinterested in surroundings
- Tachycardia / tachypnoea

For injuries requiring intravenous fluid support:
If transfer is unlikely within eight hours post injury, contact us again for further instructions

Scar Management / Sun Care Advice
- When healed, cream and massage the area with moisturising cream twice a day for at least three months
- Avoid direct sunlight for 2 years
- Always protect area with clothing (hats/ T-shirt etc) and use a high factor sun cream