Your child has fractured their Clavicle (Collar Bone)

This type of fracture is common in children

This type of fracture heals well – the only treatments required are painkillers and a sling

We would expect the collar bone to be painful for 4 – 6 weeks

Your child may find it more comfortable to sleep sitting upright for a few days after the injury

The shoulder and arm can be moved out of the sling as comfort allows. This will usually be about 2 weeks after the injury but can be sooner if comfortable

The ‘bump’ over the fracture is quite normal and is produced by healing bone. It may take up to one year to disappear. If your child is older than ten years a small bump may remain

Your child may return to sports such as swimming as soon as comfortable, but should avoid contact sports (such as football, rugby and basketball) for six weeks

If you are still experiencing significant symptoms after several months, please phone the fracture clinic helpline as listed below for further advice

Should you have any worries or concerns following discharge from hospital, please contact either the

1) Fracture Clinic Helpline: 0141 201 6416 (9.00am until 4.00pm, Monday to Friday) or
2) Emergency Department: 0141 211 4344 (outwith these times)