GP Referral process to OPAT

Step 1
- Patient deemed suitable for OPAT

Step 2
- Call OPAT team on 01384456111 ext 3365 or bleep 8945 / 8944
- Send a written referral to the OPAT team

Step 3
- Patient attends OPAT clinic on ward C8 - Russells hall Hospital. Out of hours, contact EAU.

- First dose of antibiotics administered in hospital setting

Step 4
- Assessing doctor prescribes the antbiotics as per guidelines and completes the administration record

Step 5
- Patient referred to the community OPAT team

Step 6
- Community IV nurse will contact patient to make arrange for administration of antibiotics.
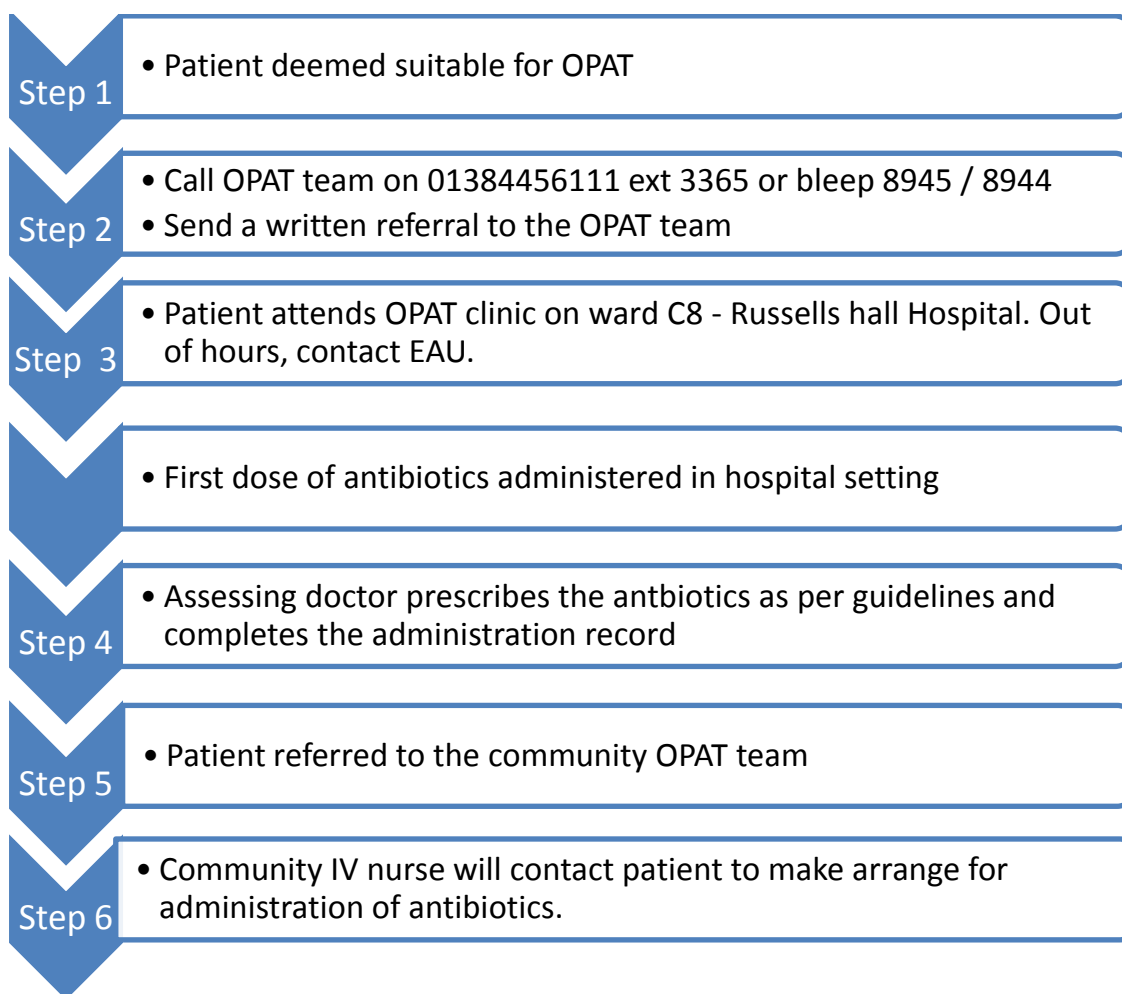
Please do not advise the patient that they will be receiving treatment at home. OPAT can be delivered in three different settings. The best option for each patient will be selected by the OPAT nurses.