**Student Health Department UCC**

**Post Implanon Insertion/Removal/Replacement Patient Information Leaflet**

* If Steristrips have been used to close your small incision site, please leave these in situ until they fall off themselves, usually in about 7-10 days.
* You have a small dressing covering the steristrips. Please keep this dry and remove after 2-3 days.
* If you have had Implanon removal or replacement you will also have a pressure bandage to reduce swelling and bruising. This can be removed 24 hours after the procedure.
* It is expected to have mild discomfort/soreness to the site for the first 1-2 days after the procedure. You can take over-the-counter pain medication such as paracetamol/ibuprofen as appropriate.
* Please contact the Dept. if you develop and signs of infection at the site(s) such as pain, fever, redness, pus, oozing from site.
* The contraceptive implant will not protect you from contracting an STI. It is important to use condoms to protect yourself from STI infection.
* If the implant is fitted during the first 5 days of your menstrual cycle or while you are on the oral contraceptive pill, you'll be immediately protected against becoming pregnant.
* If it's fitted on any other day of your menstrual cycle, you'll need to use additional contraception (such as condoms) for 7 days.

**If you have concerns or queries, please contact the Student Health Department on 021 4902311.**