Shunt Management Chart

Hydrocephalus

- Managed by a shunt
  - Shunt checked in last 5 years by a neurosurgeon
    - Yes
      - Do you carry a shunt alert card?
        - Yes
          - See “Shunt Complications” for details
        - No
          - 3rd Ventriculostomy
    - No
      - Shunt checked in last 5 years by a neurosurgeon
        - Yes
          - Ask your GP or FSW to refer you to a neurosurgeon
        - No
          - Not managed/arrested
            - Shunt checked in last 5 years by a neurosurgeon
              - Yes
                - A baseline scan may be due, see “Shunt Complications” for details
              - No
                - Do you have eye checks every 6 - 12 months
                  - Yes
                    - Are you aware of the symptoms listed below?
                      - Infants
                        - Enlargement of head*
                        - Full or tense fontanelle*
                        - Swelling or redness on shunt tract*
                        - Fever
                        - Irritability
                        - Seizures
                        - Sunset eyes (eyes looking downward)
                      - Toddlers
                        - Enlargement of head*
                        - Fever
                        - Swelling or redness on shunt tract*
                        - Vomiting*
                        - Headache*
                        - Sleepiness
                        - Seizures*
                        - Irritability
                      - Children & Adults
                        - Headaches*
                        - Vomiting*
                        - Fever
                        - Swelling or redness on shunt tract
                        - Ataxia*
                        - Personality changes
                        - Visual disturbances*
                        - Decline in academic performance*
                        - Decline in motivation*
                        - Confusion*
                        - Seizures*
                        - Sleepiness*
                        - Incontinence*
                      - Pay Particular Attention to Symptoms Marked*
                        - Intermittently
                          - Yes
                          - Go straight to your nearest A & E
                          - All the Time
                          - If you are already referred to a neurosurgeon, you will usually receive appointments or check-ups every year or so.