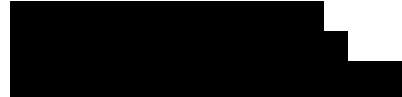


Hand & Plastic Surgery Centre, PLC  
c/o Cyberscout  
PO Box 1286  
Dearborn, MI 48120-9998

**Via First-Class Mail**

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March 7, 2025

Notice of Data Security Incident

Dear [REDACTED],

Hand & Plastic Surgery Centre, PLC (“H&P”) is a physician center located in Michigan. We are writing to inform you of an incident we experienced that may have exposed your personal information. You are receiving this letter because you are a current or former patient of H&P. We take the security of your personal information seriously and want to provide you with information and resources you can use to protect your information going forward.

What Happened:

On or about January 29, 2025, H&P detected it was the target of a data security incident. An unauthorized third party attempted to infiltrate our computer network. Upon detecting the incident, we moved quickly to secure our network environment and launched a thorough investigation. The investigation was performed with the help of independent IT security and forensic investigators to determine the scope and extent of the potential unauthorized access of our systems and any personal information.

What Information Was Involved:

After our thorough forensic investigation, which concluded on February 14, 2025, we determined that some of your personal information may have been impacted. It is possible your name, date of birth, Social Security number, health insurance information and/or protected health information may have been exposed in this incident. Notably, the types of information affected were different for each individual, and not every individual had all of the elements listed above exposed. Rest assured that we have not received any reports of related identity theft.

As of this writing, we have not received any reports of related identity theft since the date of the incident (January 29, 2025 to present).

What We Are Doing:

The security and privacy of personal data remain among our highest priorities, and we are committed to doing everything we can to protect the privacy and security of the personal information in our care. As a result of this incident, we have been conferring with cybersecurity experts to analyze and enhance our internal security architecture to prevent a similar incident from occurring in the future.

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Additionally, in response to the incident, we are providing you with access to Single Bureau Credit Monitoring/Single Bureau Credit Report/Single Bureau Credit Score services at no charge. These services provide you with alerts for twenty-four months from the date of enrollment when changes occur to your credit file. This notification is sent to you the same day the change or update takes place with the bureau. We are also providing you with proactive fraud assistance to help with any questions you might have or in the event you become a victim of fraud. These services will be provided by Cyberscout, a TransUnion company specializing in fraud assistance and remediation services.

What You Can Do:

To enroll in Credit Monitoring services at no charge, please log on to <https://bfs.cyberscout.com/activate> and follow the instructions provided. When prompted please provide the following unique code to receive services: [REDACTED]. In order for you to receive the monitoring services described above, you must enroll within 90 days from the date of this letter. The enrollment requires an internet connection and e-mail account and may not be available to minors under the age of 18. Please note when signing up for monitoring services, you may be asked to verify personal information for your own protection to confirm your identity.

For More Information:

Representatives are available for 90 days from the date of this letter, to assist you with questions regarding this incident, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Please call the help line at 1-833-998-5506 and be prepared to supply the fraud specialist with your unique code listed within.

You are encouraged to take full advantage of these services. Enclosed you will find additional materials regarding the resources available to you, and the steps you can take to further protect your personal information.

Again, we value the security of the personal data it maintains, and understands the frustration, concern, and inconvenience that this incident may have caused.

Sincerely,

Hand & Plastic Surgery Centre

### **Additional Information**

**Credit Reports:** You may obtain a copy of your credit report, free of charge, whether or not you suspect any unauthorized activity on your account. You may obtain a free copy of your credit report from each of the three nationwide credit reporting agencies. To order your free credit report, please visit [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com), or call toll-free at 1-877-322-8228. You can also order your annual free credit report by mailing a completed Annual Credit Report Request Form (available at <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0155-free-credit-reports>) to: Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA, 30348-5281.

**Security Freeze:** You also have the right to place a security freeze on your credit report. A security freeze is intended to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. To place a security freeze on your credit report, you need to make a request to each consumer reporting agency. You may make that request by certified mail, overnight mail, regular stamped mail, or by following the instructions found at the websites listed below. The following information must be included when requesting a security freeze (note that if you are requesting a credit report for your spouse or a minor under the age of 16, this information must be provided for him/her as well):

- (1) full name, with middle initial and any suffixes;
- (2) Social Security number;
- (3) date of birth;
- (4) current address and any previous addresses for the past five years; and
- (5) any applicable incident report or complaint with a law enforcement agency or the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

The request must also include a copy of a government-issued identification card and a copy of a recent utility bill or bank or insurance statement. It is essential that each copy be legible, display your name and current mailing address, and the date of issue. As of September 21, 2018, it is free to place, lift, or remove a security freeze. You may also place a security freeze for children under the age of 16. You may obtain a free security freeze by contacting any one or more of the following national consumer reporting agencies:

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| <b>Equifax Security Freeze</b><br>P.O. Box 105788<br>Atlanta, GA 30348<br>1-888-298-0045<br><a href="https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/credit-freeze/">https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/credit-freeze/</a> | <b>Experian Security Freeze</b><br>P.O. Box 9554<br>Allen, TX 75013<br>1-888-397-3742<br><a href="http://www.experian.com/freeze/center.html">www.experian.com/freeze/center.html</a> | <b>TransUnion Security Freeze</b><br>P.O. Box 160<br>Woodlyn, PA 19094<br>1-800-916-8800<br><a href="http://www.transunion.com/credit-freeze">www.transunion.com/credit-freeze</a> |
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**Fraud Alerts:** You can place fraud alerts with the three credit bureaus by phone and online with:

- Equifax ([https://assets.equifax.com/assets/personal/Fraud\\_Alert\\_Request\\_Form.pdf](https://assets.equifax.com/assets/personal/Fraud_Alert_Request_Form.pdf));
- TransUnion (<https://www.transunion.com/fraud-alerts>); or
- Experian (<https://www.experian.com/fraud/center.html>).

A fraud alert tells creditors to follow certain procedures, including contacting you, before they open any new accounts or change your existing accounts. For that reason, placing a fraud alert can protect you, but also may delay you when you seek to obtain credit. As of September 21, 2018, initial fraud alerts last for one year. Victims of identity theft can also get an extended fraud alert for seven years. The phone numbers for all three credit bureaus are listed above.

**Monitoring:** You should always remain vigilant and monitor your accounts for suspicious or unusual activity.

**File Police Report:** You have the right to file or obtain a police report if you experience identity fraud. Please note that in order to file a crime report or incident report with law enforcement for identity theft, you will likely need to provide proof that you have been a victim. A police report is often required to dispute fraudulent items. You can generally report suspected incidents of identity theft to local law enforcement or to the Attorney General.



**FTC and Attorneys General:** You can further educate yourself regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, security freezes, and the steps you can take to protect yourself, by contacting the consumer reporting agencies, the Federal Trade Commission, or your state Attorney General.

The Federal Trade Commission can be reached at: 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580, [www.identitytheft.gov](http://www.identitytheft.gov), 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338), TTY: 1-866-653-4261. The Federal Trade Commission also encourages those who discover that their information has been misused to file a complaint with them. You can obtain further information on how to file such a complaint by way of the contact information listed above. You have the right to file a police report if you ever experience identity theft or fraud. Please note that in order to file a report with law enforcement for identity theft, you will likely need to provide some proof that you have been a victim. Instances of known or suspected identity theft should also be reported to law enforcement. This notice has not been delayed by law enforcement.

**For District of Columbia residents,** the District of Columbia Attorney General may be contacted at: 400 6<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001; 202-727-3400; and [oag.dc.gov](http://oag.dc.gov).

**For Maryland residents,** the Maryland Attorney General can be contacted at 200 St. Paul Place, 16th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202, 1-888-743-0023, and [www.oag.state.md.us](http://www.oag.state.md.us).

**For New Mexico residents,** you have rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, such as the right to be told if information in your credit file has been used against you, the right to know what is in your credit file, the right to ask for your credit score, and the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information. Further, pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the consumer reporting agencies must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information; consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information; access to your file is limited; you must give your consent for credit reports to be provided to employers; you may limit “prescreened” offers of credit and insurance you get based on information in your credit report; and you may seek damages from violators. You may have additional rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act not summarized here. Identity theft victims and active duty military personnel have specific additional rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act. We encourage you to review your rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act by visiting [www.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504\\_cfpb\\_summary\\_your-rights-under-fcra.pdf](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504_cfpb_summary_your-rights-under-fcra.pdf) or by writing Consumer Response Center, Room 130-A, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580.

**For North Carolina residents,** the Attorney General can be contacted at 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001, 1-877-566-7226 or 1-919-716-6400, and [www.ncdoj.gov](http://www.ncdoj.gov).

**For New York residents,** the Attorney General may be contacted at Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341, 1-800-771-7755, and <https://ag.ny.gov/>.

**For Rhode Island residents,** the Rhode Island Attorney General can be reached at 150 South Main Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, [www.riag.ri.gov](http://www.riag.ri.gov), and 1-401-274-4400. Under Rhode Island law, you have the right to obtain any police report filed in regard to this incident. There are approximately 0 Rhode Island residents that may be impacted by this event.