

# Patient information

# Ankle – General mobilising and strengthening exercises

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1. Gently point your foot and ankle up towards you, and then point down. Repeat ......times



2. Gently turn your foot in and out. The rest of your leg should remain still. Repeat ...... times



**3.** Sit with one leg straight out in front of you. Put a folded towel around your foot as shown. Gently pull the towel to feel a stretch in your calf.



Hold.....seconds. Repeat .....times

4. Standing with your feet hip width apart, take a step forwards with affected leg. Gradually take the knee of your front leg over your toes, feeling a stretch into your calf. Keep your upper body and toes facing forwards.

Hold......seconds. Repeat..... times



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5. Standing with your feet hip width apart, take a step back with affected leg. Slowly bend your front knee, keeping your back leg straight and heel down until you feel a stretch in your calf.

Keep your upper body facing forward.

Hold for.....seconds. Repeat..... times.



**6.** Stand on your affected leg with or without holding onto something for support.

Aim to build on the number of seconds you can continue this for to improve your balance.

Hold.....seconds

7. Standing with feet shoulder width apart, raise your heels off the floor to come to stand on your tip-toes. Slowly lower heels back down. You can hold onto something for support if needed.

Hold.....seconds. Repeat..... times.

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