

National Major Trauma Rehabilitation Group

Terms of Reference

1. Introduction:

In July 2015 the National Major Trauma Nursing Group was convened to form a national forum for adult and paediatric trauma nursing. In October 2018 the group had reached sufficient representation from allied healthcare professionals and specialist rehabilitation nurses to form a specialised rehabilitation sister group.

2. Aim:

The aim of the Rehabilitation group is to help shape the future of adult and paediatric rehabilitation trauma nursing and therapeutic interventions as a recognised sub-speciality area of expertise and practice.

The group will provide clinical expertise in trauma nursing and therapeutic interventions to identify components that require a consistent approach across the national trauma systems. In turn this should identify differences in service delivery across the major trauma networks.

The group will provide advice and recommendations to relevant individuals and bodies, including commissioners, to inform the national trauma agenda and standards setting.

The key aims of the group are:

- a. To engage all those involved in the provision of rehabilitation to severely injured adults and children to produce improvements in care.
- b. To share common issues and best practice.
- c. To develop professional skillsets for trauma rehabilitation throughout the patient pathway. From adult and paediatric intensive care units, wards to the point of and including specialist rehabilitation units (when applicable) and onwards into supported discharge planning. These capabilities will be based on four pillars of clinical practice, leadership & management, education and research.
- d. To reflect the whole pathway the group shall seek to ensure representation of trauma rehabilitation for adults and Children from allied healthcare professionals including, but not limited to Speech and Language Therapy, Occupational therapy, Physiotherapy, Psychology, Neuropsychology, and Dietetics.
- e. These healthcare professionals may invite specialist guidance from external disciplines such as Social Workers, Education, Pharmacy, Specialist Play therapists and Discharge Planning Coordinators. The group will advise on local, regional and national, guidance, best practice and commissioning on issues related to trauma rehabilitation.
- f. Work in conjunction with and make recommendation to the National Major Trauma and Burns Clinical Reference Group, TARN (Trauma Audit Research Network) the Major Trauma Networks and other relevant associated working groups.

3. Objectives

- I. Develop core areas for Major trauma rehabilitation. Within these areas establish key capabilities for Major Trauma rehabilitation
- II. Identify themed national gaps/challenges and how they can be mitigated
- III. Review the current NHS England Trauma Quality Standards, service specification and other guideline documents such as NICE Trauma Guidelines and benchmark against these (see also NCASRI report)
- IV. Develop training/education to support rehabilitation capabilities
- V. To develop & share information and resources on a central data base / website (NICE)
- VI. Feed the competency recommendations back into NHS England, Wales, Scotland, BSRM and Trauma CRG for recommendations into Quality Standards
- VII. Identify rehabilitation research priorities
- VIII. Develop a national PPI group (which eventually can become self-sufficient) and possible Major Trauma patient peer support network

4. Membership:

The group shall consist of:

- a. Chair: The Group will be chaired by an Allied Healthcare Professional or Specialist Rehabilitation Nurse who is responsible for facilitating the group to achieve the objectives.
- b. Vice-Chair: The Chair shall be supported by a Vice-Chair, who must be a Allied Healthcare Professional or Specialist Rehabilitation Nurse, who can deputise and undertake all the functions of the chair in their absence.
- c. Representation from the National Major Trauma and Burns CRG:
 - i. Current Clinical Director – Professor Chris Moran
 - ii. Current Allied Health Professional/Nursing representative – Professor Rob Crouch
- d. Membership is sought from all Major Trauma Networks in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. The majority of membership shall be registered Allied Health Care Professionals and nurses:
 - i. Each Major Trauma Network may have up to 5 members on the group of their choosing.
 - ii. Representation from each network must be from both MTC and TU / Operational Network sites and should disseminate information back to their network
 - iii. Additional members to be co-opted by the group as required
 - iv. To disseminate to all MTC's across the UK.

- e. Secretariat: A nominated member of the group will be responsible for:
 - i. Setting dates, times, and venues for meetings
 - ii. Distributing agendas, minutes and relevant papers prior to the meetings
 - iii. Maintenance of minutes, agreed deliverables and ToR
 - iv. Additional duties linked to actions and deliverables as determined by the chair

5. Adults Quorum:

- a. Chair or Vice-Chair
- b. A minimum of 8 members of two different disciplines and
- c. A minimum of 6 Major Trauma Networks represented.

Paediatrics:

- a. Chair or Vice-Chair
- b. A minimum of 4 members including two different disciplines and
- c. A minimum of 4 Major Trauma Networks represented with 2 different Allied Health disciplines

6. Conduct of meetings:

- a. Meetings will be held quarterly.
- b. Meetings to be 3-4 hours in length.

7. Agreement and review:

Terms of reference agreed on 19/07/2019

Terms of reference to be reviewed in nine months – May 2020

