

National Major Trauma Nursing Group
Adult Trauma Ward Sub-Group Meeting
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Approved Minutes

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The discussions around Trauma Ward nurse competencies was that some MTCs had trauma wards and some did not and the majority of the TUs did not and that therefore the requirement for a 'one size fits all' type of document was invalid.

With cohorting of Trauma patients becoming a national requirement this slightly alters things moving forward.

Michele and I felt that we had tried and failed to create a level 1 and level 2 document for Trauma Ward competencies and that we had tried to emulate the ED version but it was not easily reflected on the ward. We also said that the draft version was not exhaustive but that we did not add competencies that were felt to be something that a Trust would already have competencies for ie PCAs.

We also discussed the possibilities of a 'core' skill set and then an 'advanced' section.

Ultimately, after a lengthy discussion we decided that Rebecca and the team from Leeds would be lead and collate all the competencies that the rest of us would send her and that her and her team would try and make a level1/2 document. We could then get together in September and discuss the document and how it would work in each area. Would it be better to 'pull' applicable competencies for your respective areas?