

Criteria for diverting eye trauma to Major Trauma Centres

This type of trauma case below is considered specialist trauma and will benefit from direct admission to a Major Trauma Centre (MTC) even though they do not trigger the major trauma triage tool.

This applies to Birmingham Children's Hospital, Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham, Royal Stoke University Hospital and the University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire Major Trauma Centres.

Eye Trauma

1. Eye injuries associated with major trauma cases should go to the nearest MTC
2. Chemical burns to the eyes are always part of severe facial chemical skin burns. Specialist irrigation and expert care is available at QE and BCH EDs for both the eyes and the rest of the face.
3. **Isolated** eye injuries should be taken to a specialist eye hospital where practicable, in the West Midlands region these are:

The Birmingham Midland Eye Centre, City Hospital NHS Trust, Dudley Road, Birmingham, West Midlands, B18 7QH

Victoria Eye Unit, The County Hospital, Union Walk, Hereford, Herefordshire, HR1 2ER

All the above cases should be discussed with the Regional Trauma Desk on 01384 215696 or ARP channel 282

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