

Pre-hospital triage criteria for burns patients destination

Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham (QEHB) and Birmingham Children's Hospital (BCH) are the regional burns centres for adults (>16) and paediatrics (<16) respectively. This flowchart is designed to help pre-hospital practitioners make the right decision about hospital destination for isolated burns. Where patients have a combination of burns and other traumatic injuries, the trauma desk should be called for advice as to whether this flowchart, or the major trauma triage tool, should be followed

Adults (≥16) Suspicion of Yes inhalational injury No Burn equal to or more Take to nearest ED No than 3% partial thickness Yes Burn equal to or more Take to whichever than 10% partial thickness is closer: QEHB, No or 2% full thickness **RSUH or UHCW** Yes Take to QEHB

Children (<16) Suspicion of Yes inhalational injury No Burn equal to or more Take to nearest ED No than 2% partial thickness Yes Take to whichever Burn equal to or more than is closer: BCH, RSUH 5% partial thickness or 1% full No thickness, **or** includes the face, or UHCW hands, feet or perineum Yes Take to BCH