The Royal Stoke University Hospital has implemented a dedicated Spinal SpR to take all NON-Emergency Referrals (for emergencies contact the Trauma Team Leader)

## Spinal Referral? 08:00 - 17:00hrs?



## Call the Spinal SpR (AKA Spinal Calf) Pager - 07623945603

- Full details taken and advice regards transferring images.
- Spine safe advice re. patient care and handling
- Spinal SpR (Calf) will then discuss the case with on call Consultant
- If decision for transfer is made then Spine SpR (Calf) will notify the referrer and RSUH Trauma Team Lead in ED.
- Decision for investigation/orthosis at referring site will be notified to referrer.
- If decision is made for no transfer and definitive care at referring site then Spinal SpR (Calf) will notify referrer and give clear instructions re. outpatients.
- Any outpatient appointment at RSUH will be communicated with Spinal Secretary and on-call Consultant.

For out-of-hours/weekend referrals please contact the on-call Orthopaedic Registrar

If you have any problems please report to TTL and sue.o'keeffe@wales.nhs.uk

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