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Referral and Transfer of Trauma Patients into RSUH Major Trauma Centre

Purpose:	The aim of the SOP is to ensure that patients are transferred to Royal Stoke University Hospital Major Trauma Centre in a timely and appropriate manner.
Scope:	To ensure a robust and consistent transfer of all patients requiring an MTC within a timely manner and achieve BPT where possible
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Instruction		Rationale
1.	<p>The referring hospital within the Major Trauma Network will have seen and reviewed the patient as per their local policy.</p> <p>If the patient is thought to need specialist treatment at a Major Trauma Centre, the case will be discussed with the most appropriate person to deal with the request.</p> <p>Patients may be categorised into 3 groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patients requiring immediate transfer to an MTC (Hyperacute transfers) • Patients with poly-system trauma best cared for in an MTC • Patients with isolated, non time-critical injury that may require further assessment and intervention at an MTC 	

<p>2.</p>	<p>Hyperacute transfers.</p> <p>If a patient is recognised as needing hyperacute transfer to a major trauma centre, the TU will follow the Midlands Critical care and Trauma Network Policy</p>	<p>Immediate Transfer from Trauma Unit to Major Trauma Centre</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Emergency transfers</p> <p>Patients who have sustained severe injury and require transfer to a Major Trauma Centre the TU will contact the Trauma Team Leader who will guide the TU with regards to transfer decisions</p>	<p>Emergency Transfer from Trauma Unit to Major Trauma Centre</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Specialist advice that may need care at a tertiary centre</p> <p>Patients who have isolated trauma who may require care at a specialised centre can be referred for consultant to consultant discussion directly with the speciality.</p>	<p>Emergency Consultation with Major Trauma Centre for specialist advice when injuries considered to be significant but not severe</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Escalations of referral</p> <p>If a TU feels that the advice given by a speciality is unacceptable, the TU can escalate the issue to the TTL on call who will mediate a resolution of care for the patient</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Escalation of Transfer</p> <p>If a speciality has accepted a patient for transfer, the patient should be transferred within 48</p>	

	<p>hours of acceptance as per BPT guidance.</p> <p>If after 24 hours (1 midnight) of acceptance no bed has been made available by the speciality to receive the patient the TU will contact the TTL who will accept the patient for transfer from the TU to the MTC Emergency Department.</p>	
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