Ambulance criteria for diverting specialist trauma to QEHB

The types of trauma cases listed below can be considered specialist trauma and will benefit from direct admission to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham despite the fact that they do not trigger the major trauma triage tool.

Hand Trauma

1. Any patient with traumatic amputation of arm, forearm, hand, digits. Does not include amputations of fingertips (distal to distal interphalangeal joint). Consider cervical spine immobilisation if high amputation/avulsion of upper arm.

Eye Trauma

1. Isolated eye injuries should be taken to a specialist eye hospital, in the West Midlands region these are:

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

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

2. Eye injuries associated with major trauma cases should go to the nearest MTC.