

## Midlands Silver Trauma Group

Terms of Reference  
28<sup>th</sup> December 2016

The group was established in November 2016 by the Midlands Critical Care and Trauma Networks.

The purpose of the group is to identify and respond to the issues and concerns caused by elderly/silver trauma, and the impact that this is having on the Major Trauma Service and its participative members/organisations within the Midlands Critical Care and Trauma Networks.

### The Aims / Objectives of the group

- To improve standards of care
  - To establish standards of care for pre-hospital setting; reception and resuscitation and ongoing care and recovery
  - Pragmatic and responsive to pressure on urgent and emergency care systems
  - Holistic and patient-centred
  - Evidence-based (NICE; RCR; “Silver Book”)
- Raise Awareness
  - Use of data to raise profile for elderly trauma care and present evidence-based arguments for improving outcomes
  - Awareness targeted to different groups – commissioners (“knowing” the demand – in and out of hospital environments); executive teams (length of stay, BPT and finance); clinical staff (quality)
  - Regional and National Profile of Network activity and progress
- Training and Education
  - HECTOR Course – expansion programme – course directors at each site
  - Establish course in region then sites run national programme
  - Pre-Hospital HECTOR
  - Nursing HECTOR – ward-based teams and approach to care
- Research
  - Using SL and Data to maximise outcomes
  - List of projects from TARN database
  - Publication portfolio

### Membership:

- Representation from Major Trauma Unit(s)
- Representation from Major Trauma Centre(s)
- Representation from Midlands Trauma Networks
- Representation from Emergency Medicine
- Representation from Geriatrics/Orthogeriatrics
- Representation from Ambulance Service(s)
- Network Data Analyst

- Other parties at the discretion of the Midlands Silver Trauma Group

**Accountability:**

- Individual group members are responsible for reporting back on activities and actions to the group and designated Chair.
- The Chair or deputy will be responsible for updating the progress of the group to the Trauma Networks Performance & Quality Board at least twice yearly and to the Oversight Board at least annually.
- The Chair will ensure that each Trauma Network Board is kept up to date of progress at least quarterly in the first year, after which this will be reviewed.

**Review:**

The group will review the relevance and value of its work and the terms of reference annually.

**Meetings:**

- Meeting dates will be organised at the end of the meeting taking place.
- The Chair will organise the meetings with help and assistance from members of the Midlands Critical Care and Trauma Networks Office Team, who will help generate the agenda and circulate meeting papers and provide any necessary secretariat duties as required.
- The current format of meetings will be small group discussions.
- Other organisations or related parties will be invited at the request of the Midlands Silver Trauma Group.

**Sharing of information and resources (including confidential materials):**

- Information and resources will be shared between the group via nhs email, either hospital or nhs.net accounts.
- Confidential materials and copyright issues will be dealt with by the group as and when required.
- Appropriate Information will be added to the Midlands Critical Care & Trauma Networks website, the group will be responsible for facilitating this and ensuring it is kept up to date.