

Adult Head Injury Pathway – Trauma Patients

Worcestershire Royal and Alexandra Hospitals

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Patients that either have:

- A clearly significant head injury, **or**
- A CT scan demonstrating clear need for neurosurgical intervention, **or**
- Stage 1 or 2 triggers on the tool, but stopped-off at the TU for airway support



Need to be transferred to Queen Elizabeth Hospital (MTC)

Immediately contact the Regional Trauma Desk
01384 215695.
who will initiate a hyper-acute transfer.

For all other traumatic intracranial abnormalities

1. **Contact Neurosurgical Team at University Hospitals Coventry & Warwick (MTC).**
2. Refer patient on “Refer a Patient” system

If neurosurgical registrar is not available in a timely manner contact consultant directly

Further Information

Where the patient needs transferring out of the TU the Regional Trauma Desk will try to arrange a MERIT team to collect the patient. If this is not timely / feasible the TU will provide an anaesthetic escort.

If a patient needs their airway securing they should be transferred out ASAP and a scan should not slow things down. If not, it will often be a reasonable approach to scan the patient in the TU to further assess the extent of injury. This may be more difficult at night.