

UHCW Major Trauma Service (MTS)

Guidance for Repatriating Major Trauma Patients to Local Trauma Units - Care Closer to Home

This document outlines the process for repatriating major trauma patients from the Major Trauma Centre (MTC) at UHCW to their local Trauma Units (TUs) in Northamptonshire and Leicestershire. The aim is to ensure patients receive ongoing care, rehabilitation, and discharge planning closer to home, while supporting effective patient flow.

Step 1: Consultant-to-Consultant Communication

The lead team at UHCW MTC contacts the appropriate specialty team at the receiving TU.

Document the **name of the accepting consultant** and **Speciality** along with the **date and time of acceptance**, in the patient's Electronic Patient Records (EPR).

Step 2: Inform the Receiving Trauma Unit

MTS notifies the trauma coordinator or bed management team at the TU that the patient has been accepted and requires a bed.

Kettering General Hospital (KGH)

Telephone: 01536 492000

- Trauma Coordinator Bleep: 704
- Clinical Ops Manager Bleep: 835

Northampton General Hospital (NGH)

Telephone: 01604 634700

- Trauma Coordinator Bleep: 6026
- Site Manager Bleep: 4298

Leicester Royal Infirmary (LRI)

Telephone: 0300 303 1573

- Trauma Coordinator
- Telephone: 07432629717

Step 3: Inform UHCW Bed Capacity Manager

MTS notify the UHCW bed capacity manager that the patient has been accepted for transfer and update repatriation dashboard and prepare for transfer.

*Patient transport to be pre-booked - most services require at least 24 hours' notice.

Step 4: Timeliness

Patients should ideally be repatriated within 48 hours of the referral.

Escalate any delays beyond 48 hours to the MTS and UHCW Control Room (Ext: 24948).

Further support

For further support or clarification please contact UHCW Major Trauma Service as below Monday - Sunday 07:30 - 18:00 outside of these hours please contact the Site team 02476964948 or the ward directly via switchboard

- Major Trauma Service direct line: 02476 967582
- UHCW Switchboard: 024 7696 4000 bleep 1405
- Email: major_trauma_service@uhcw.nhs.uk (mailbox monitored Monday - Sunday 07:30 - 18:00)