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All MTCs and TUs within the West Midlands must have an internal Trauma Team Activation policy that defines:

- Method of activation and communication
- Team membership
- Trauma team leader
- Whether full trauma team or limited trauma team is to be called.
- Procedure to call in from home additional or extended team members as required.
- Whether pre-hospital activation of the massive haemorrhage protocol is supported or not.

All units should audit the trauma team activation process on a regular basis.

Staging activation

1. An individual unit may have an internal policy that provides a tiered response to a trauma alert.

2. If the trauma alert from the regional trauma desk is based on step 1 or 2 of the triage tool a full team response is mandated.
3. If the call is based on step 3 or 4 a limited response may be used to undertake the primary survey provided this is clearly documented in the unit's policy and the MTC/TU has the ability to rapidly upscale to a full trauma team if necessary.
4. Where a patient is being triaged in step 4 on the basis of >20 weeks gestation the team must include a midwife and senior obstetrician (Consultant or ST4 or above) who is able to make rapid assessment and decisions about need for delivery. The procedure for activating obstetric support needs to be clearly documented.