

Adult Isolated Head Injury Pathway for Trauma Patients (excludes spines)

Worcestershire Royal and Alexandra Hospitals

Patients that have:

- Symptoms of an obvious 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



Urgent discussion with Neurosurgery at Queen Elizabeth Hospital (MTC) Via

a Regional Trauma Desk conference call – please dial **01384 215695**.

If immediate transfer to the MTC is required, this should be organised via the Regional Trauma Desk as the calls are recorded.

If no immediate transfer is required, please commence a NORSe Referral

For all other intracranial abnormalities

1. **Contact Neurosurgical Team at University Hospitals Coventry & Warwick (MTC)**. If neurosurgical registrar is not available in a timely manner contact a consultant directly
2. Refer patient on “Refer a Patient” system

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.