

### 3. Major Trauma Network philosophy

Children with major trauma need to be stabilised appropriately and to get to the right Major Trauma Centre quickly for definitive care.

Too many phone calls can introduce unacceptable delays that may impact upon outcomes.

#### The Networks have agreed an **immediate transfer** policy which operates as follows:

- Referring team prepare the patient for transfer - see section on Paediatric Secondary Trauma Transfers

#### **In parallel:**

- Call to refer to Emergency Department at the Major Trauma Centre
  - South and North Yorkshire use Embrace 0845 147 2472 state MAJOR TRAUMA
  - West Yorkshire optional to use Embrace 0845 147 2472 state MAJOR TRAUMA or direct call to MTC Emergency Department red phone Leeds 0113 245 9405
- Communication should be between the team leader present at the referring and receiving centres (usually TU to MTC)
- Major Trauma Centre accepts patient to Emergency Department
- Transferring team call local ambulance service state “Priority One Transfer for Child Major Trauma Victim”
  - Yorkshire Ambulance Service 01924 584954
  - East Midlands Ambulance Service 0115 967 5097
- Accepting Emergency Physician makes referrals to MTC specialist teams as appropriate to alert them of the patient

The referring team may require clinical advice regarding stabilisation and transfer. This may be facilitated by Embrace via the conference call system.

Every effort must be made to ensure that this does not introduce unnecessary delays in transferring the patient to the Major Trauma Centre, which is the responsibility of the referring hospital team.