



CLINICAL ALERT

For Immediate Action

Subject: **Major Trauma Pre-Alert Calls**
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To provide the very best care to all patients with major trauma YAS and the major trauma networks are implementing a new system whereby all patients who meet a specific criteria must be pre alerted to the receiving ED. This applies to major trauma centres and trauma units. It is important that you continue to liaise with the MTCTC desk which is now supported by a critical care paramedic who can provide you with senior clinical support. A pre alert should always follow the CATMISTER format as detailed on the injury assessment tool and allows the hospital to prepare the most appropriate response for a patient. This may range from a full trauma team in resus through to an awareness of the injuries sustained/suspected with an early assessment by a consultant. Staff should be aware that a pre alert will not automatically result in a resus bay being available, but it will provide the most appropriate response for that patient.

Details of how the new pre alert system can improve the care we provide and what you should expect from the receiving hospital can be found in the short video here <https://vimeo.com/693892133/f436528797> All emergency departments across the region have been informed of the new process by the major trauma networks but if there are any difficulties, please report them via DATIX.

From the 9th June a pre alert must be given for any trauma patient who:

- Triggers the injury assessment tool
- Has severe traumatic chest/thoracic pain with a pain score of 5 or more
- Is a pedestrian or rider who has been hit by another vehicle travelling at any speed
- Has been ejected from a motorised vehicle
- Is 65 or older with injuries from stairs
- Is found at the bottom of the stairs where a fall cannot be excluded
- Any incident with 3 or more patient going to the same unit
- Any injured patient 20 weeks or more pregnant

This applies to all patients irrespective of whether they are being conveyed to a major trauma centre or a trauma unit.

If anyone has any questions regarding this, please contact your Team Leader.

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