



MTC Agreements

Situation

Trauma at SJUH

Background

SJUH ED is not a trauma unit or part of the MTC however there are teams within SJUH whom form part of the MTC e.g thoracic surgery. All major traumas transferred via pre hospital teams should be taken to the MTC at LGI in the first instance as per the network agreement. This allows for the patient to be assessed by multidisciplinary trauma team and allows easy access to diagnostics and interventions.

Assessment

The following patients may attend SJUH:

- Self-presenting patients.
- Low energy traumas e.g elderly falls from own heights, whose needs may be deemed more medical.
- Pre hospital under triaged trauma

Recommendation

The following guidance should be followed:

- ANY patient arriving at SJUH who is recognised to need MTC care must be stabilised and transferred to the LGI ED ASAP via blue light (999) ambulance. This should be as per the send and call approach adopted by the West Yorkshire Major Trauma Network guidance for primary transfers.
- Stable patients (heart rate < 100 AND SBP > 90) with suspected isolated abdominal trauma must be transferred to the LGI ED via blue light ambulance for urgent assessment by the trauma team. If after review by the MTC trauma team it is felt the patient can be managed at the SJUH site under the surgical team the patient will be transferred back to an appropriate SJUH ward bed.

The following patients may remain at SJUH:

- Unstable patients who require immediate transfer to theatre for stabilisation.
- Isolated thoracic trauma. (Admitted under thoracic surgery).
- Low energy elderly trauma (e.g fall from standing height) where it is thought they may receive a more holistic care under the medical teams and DO NOT require emergency or urgent surgery.

The following applies to all patients admitted at the SJUH site:

- All teams have 24/7 access to the MTC teams who are available for advice should this need occur.
- A single MTC Consultant (Mr Stuart Matthews) has designated time within his job plan to attend SJUH on Wednesday afternoons and is able to review any patients upon request. He can be contacted via phone, email (stuartmatthews@nhs.net) or the MTC case managers (bleep 2661/ mobile 07920757283). All referrals should be made either the day before or before 10am on a Wednesday. This service is unfortunately not available during periods of leave/ on call weeks, however all teams continue to have access to MTC advice 24/7 via the on call team.

MTC Transfers/ repatriations:

- NO secondary or tertiary transfers must be accepted directly to SJUH ED even if single system injury is confirmed. ALL enquiries must be redirected to the ED/ MTC Consultant on call as per the network agreement and ALL patients must be transferred to an appropriate bed base via the MTC.