

# Urgent Referral & Opinion Pathways for Trauma Patient to BSUH

This is a Trauma Orthopaedic Specialist Referral Pathway (not a ED Referral Pathway)

**Contact On Call T&O Registrar - 01273 696955 bleep 8629**

1. Ensure that all images have been transferred over to BSUH before the referral has been made, or confirm imaging access is in place
2. Communication regarding referrals should be made in person by phone either from a Trauma and Orthopaedic (T&O) Registrar to the on call T&O Registrar at BSUH or from a T&O Consultant to the on call T&O Consultant at BSUH.
3. For **all transfers** (immediate/soon) and /or opinions the referrer should fill out the electronic referral form and submit this by email prior to calling the on call Registrar at BSUH. How to find the form:

Visit BSUH home page <https://nww.bsuh.nhs.uk>

Home Page → Clinical → Teams and department → Trauma and Orthopaedics

Then choose 'External referrals'....one of.....

- Complex trauma service
- Pelvic and acetabular fracture service
- Pathological fracture service

Instructions on where to email the form to are on the BSUH Trust intranet website

*The email address is monitored daily (Monday to Friday by the Trauma Practitioners and by the on call team over the weekend) and we would aim to provide a swift response from the relevant Consultant team within 48 hours*

***This is not for Hand or Paediatric referrals***

4. If **immediate** transfer is required the on call Consultant at BSUH will approve blue light transfer to BSUH ED and the Registrar/ Consultant will let the BSUH ED know the patient is coming, following receipt of the call and online referral.
5. For all opinions, or delayed transfers, following receipt of a phone call and the completed electronic referral, the patient will be presented at the next morning trauma meeting and a management plan will be formulated. Details of the plan will be fed back to the referring hospital/team via the contact details provided in the electronic referral.
6. If there is any difference of opinion on advice given, or if any further details are required, then the referring Consultant should call the on call Consultant at BSUH or the Consultant who has provided the opinion.
7. If the patient is accepted for management at BSUH, the respective bed managers will be notified by the individual teams and the transfer should take place prior to the date of surgery. Any delays should be escalated to the on call Consultants.
8. When the patient's surgical management has been completed and the patient is medically fit they will either be repatriated back to the referring hospital under the care of the original referring consultant once the patient is stable or discharged home directly.  
**This will be managed by the site team and will not necessitate a further Consultant to Consultant discussion unless clinically indicated.**