

Paediatric Trauma Guidelines

Major trauma in young people aged 16 – 17 years: BSUH management

A Paediatric major trauma call will be called in all cases, with involvement of adult specialty teams as required.

For all multi-trauma or other condition e.g. drowning / hanging / penetrating injury requiring RSCH ITU care: lead specialty to be identified by ITU team but the default will usually be an adult specialty.

Step down unit from ITU will be identified after discussion with paediatric and adult teams at senior level.

NB. If young person has complex co-morbidities e.g. congenital cardiac disease, ITU may request patient be transferred to a neighbouring MTC.

Rehabilitation services for young people with ISS > 8 will be provided in all cases by the Adult BSUH MTC rehabilitation service.

Safeguarding will be provided by the Safeguarding Children team in all cases. They must be contacted for any young person who is being nursed in the RSCH. **Contact details can be accessed via the BSUH intranet ‘Safeguarding children’ page.** If a young person aged < 18 years dies anywhere in BSUH, statutory child death processes must be followed. More information is available via the BSUH intranet paediatric guidelines site ([Child death 0-18 years](#)).

System	Leading team & Where nursed
Orthopaedic injuries e.g. # femur, open tib/fib #	Trauma and Orthopaedics team. Admit to Children’s Critical Care Unit (CCCU) for first 24 hours unless requires ITU.
Visceral injuries e.g. stable splenic or liver lacerations	Adult or Paediatric Surgery team. Case by case discussion between teams at senior level. Admit to Children’s Critical Care Unit (CCCU) for first 24 hours unless requires ITU.
Penetrating injuries e.g. stabbing	Adult General or agreed Damage Control Surgeon will lead care. Case by case discussion for minor injuries. Admit to Children’s Critical Care Unit (CCCU) for first 24 hours unless requires ITU. Any paediatric traumatic cardiac arrest due to penetrating trauma MUST be received at RSCH ED for thoracotomy if required.
Vascular injuries e.g. pulseless limb	Adult Vascular Surgery team. Admit to Children’s Critical Care Unit (CCCU) for first 24 hours.

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