**Sussex Operational Delivery Network (ODN)**

**for Major Trauma Services**

1. **Purpose**

To provide the highest quality major trauma services to patients within Sussex which are compliant with NHS England national service specifications

1. **Network members**

* Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust (BSUH)
* East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust (ESHT)
* Western Sussex Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (WSHFT)
* South East Coast Ambulance Service Foundation Trust (SECAmb)
* Kent Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance Trust
* Sussex Community NHS Trust
* Surrey & Sussex Commissioners

The ODN will be hosted by BSUH as the Sussex Major Trauma Centre is located at Royal Sussex County Hospital. The current Trauma Units are:-

* St. Richard’s Hospital, Chichester (part of WSHFT)
* Worthing Hospital (part of WSHFT)
* Conquest Hospital, Hastings (part of ESHT)

Network membership will also include hospitals within Sussex with local emergency departments (Eastbourne District General Hospital and Princess Royal Hospital, Haywards Heath).

1. **Objectives**

The ODN (also known as the “Network”) will:

* Ensure delivery of the national service specification for major trauma across Sussex
* Bring together local organisations to address service issues;
* Support innovation and the sharing of best practice and experience;
* Bring patient views to bear on service redesign and work programme
* Focus on the interface between organisations;
* Oversee the network budget and ensure that value for money is achieved;
* Support and develop the safety and quality agenda
* Assess the need of the Sussex population to inform the commissioning process

1. **Equity**

Ensure all patients have equitable access to comprehensive services and treatments across the network.

1. **Standards**

Develop and implement agreed clinical and managerial standards and patient pathways that are based on best evidence and/or national recommendations when available. By audit, quality assurance and peer review ensure that the standards are met. Reflect any variance to these standards in service planning, provision and organisation.

1. **Monitoring**

Establish an effective integrated system for quality assessment and improvement.

Develop a network wide clinical governance strategy, quality assurance and peer review mechanism for major trauma services.

1. **Planning**

Be an effective planning network for major trauma service provision, taking into consideration local population needs and issues and national guidance including technical advances.

Develop plans for delivery of specialist major trauma services within Sussex on the basis of the Clinical Reference Group and other national recommendations, including service configuration, and developing modern infrastructure and capacity.

Develop and deliver a pathway of care for adults and children from the pre-hospital phase to rehabilitation and a return to socio-economic functioning based on a network of providers working in collaboration to agreed pathways and protocols.

Develop a strategy and plans with the appropriate agencies for accident and injury prevention

1. **Service Development**

Deliver an evidence-based clinical strategy for treating major trauma across the entire patient journey, ensuring that agreed changes in clinical practice are implemented and shared throughout the Network.

Ensure good practice and learning is spread across the Network with roll out of national and local best practice.

Promote and support service innovation.

1. **Commissioning**

Advise, inform and engage with those involved in commissioning services to deliver agreed priorities in major trauma services in Sussex, seeking the agreement of the commissioning leads to improve service capacity consistent with those priorities.

Provide Commissioners with expert guidance on the development of services, the development of local guidelines and pathways updates on quality standards including, where providers do not fulfil these standards, information on any significant issues facing their services.

1. **Participation**

Encourage participation from all areas of the multidisciplinary team providing these services and ensure public and patient engagement and involvement within the network.

1. **Workforce**

Develop a modern, skilled workforce that is compliant with national recommendations and is able to provide high quality, effective major trauma services that meets national guidance, and address particular problem areas for the recruitment and retention of staff, working closely with the workforce leads within the network.

This will require a workforce strategy to be developed and implemented across the network.

Relationships to other services

Establish links with other ODNs and SCNs, to discuss areas of common concern including disease prevention and treatment.

Establish links with health communities outside Sussex to take account of their needs and strategies in planning future services.

Establish and maintain links with other services involved in trauma prevention, response and education.

1. **Communication**

Ensure good communication lines with all network members and the wider stake holder community involved in major trauma services.

1. **Patient and carer engagement**

Involve patients through patient representation on Network meetings and encourage the development of a patient forum to advise and input thorough patient representatives.

1. **Accountability**

The Chair of the Sussex ODN for Major Trauma Services will be accountable to Medical Directors of the Area Team.

The Network will establish clinical advisory and other project groups to review and make recommendations on specific areas of work or developments, ensuring representation and engagement from across the Network.

1. **Network Board Membership**

* Chair (to be nominated)
* Chief Operating Officer at BSUH (Deputy Chair)
* Clinical Lead for Major Trauma at MTC
* Clinical Leads for Major Trauma from each hospital making submissions to TARN
* Paediatric trauma representative from Trauma Unit
* Specialised Commissioning Group representative – representing local commissioners
* ODN Network Manager
* Rehabilitation representative
* Patient representative
* SECAmb representative
* KSSAAT representative
* Sub Group leads

It may be necessary to delegate attendance to appropriate senior deputies. Should this arise the deputy must have a key role in major trauma services and bring the full authority of the person/organisation they are deputising for.

1. **Terms of Business**

The Network will meet bi-monthly.

The Network will be quorate with a minimum of one representative from a Trauma Unit in East and one from West Sussex and a representative from the Major Trauma Centre.

Minutes of all meetings will be available to all stake holders.

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