

15 May 2023

Patients Transferred from WHSCT

For each of these questions, can you please answer with regard to adult patients and paediatric patients.

- 1. Can I please have any communications between WHSCT and yourselves regarding the acceptance of patients, not diverted due to the removal of emergency surgery from Southwest acute Hospital.**
- 2. Can you evidence your acceptance to receive patients to Craigavon ?**
- 3. Can you state in which situation you accept patients?**
- 4. Can you tell me where these patients are brought to for admission and surgery?**

Can you include the clear “acceptance” or “receiving” of patients who come:

By private transport

By private ambulance,

From wards in Southwest acute hospital,

From the emergency department in SWAH

Those who arrive through NIAS bypass or Those who arrive through the major trauma, triage, toolkit discretion.

Belfast Trust is unable to accurately answer this request. We suggest the Western Trust may be in a better position to reply. You can contact them via FOI.Request@westerntrust.hscni.net

We can however advise that between April 2022 - April 2023, five patients were transferred under the trauma bypass protocol from South West Acute Hospital (SWAH) to Belfast Trust