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TRAUMA BYPASS PROTOCOLS IN BHSCT FOR WHSCT PATIENTS

I would ask for any communications from WHSCT and BHSCT with regard to bypass protocols, RVHSCB and Regional Trauma centre. Please include any relevant emails and any updated pathways.

I would like information on Patients Transferred from the WHSCT

Belfast Trust routinely admit patients from Western Trust as we are the regional provider for a number of specialties. As per FOI/29128 the number of patients referred due to cessation of Emergency General Surgery would need to be identified by Western Trust as Belfast Trust has always accepted Western Trust patients into the regional services.

You can contact Western Health and Social Care Trust at foi.request@westerntrust.hscni.net

For each of these questions, can you please answer with regard to adult patients and paediatric patients. I can accept by postcode region: BT70 BT74 BT75 BT76 BT78 BT79 BT81 BT92 BT93 BT94

- 1. Can I please have any communications between WHSCT and yourselves regarding the acceptance of patients, now diverted due to the removal of emergency surgery from Southwest acute Hospital.**

As per FOI/29128 the number of patients referred due to cessation of Emergency General Surgery would need to be identified by WHSCT as BHSCT has always accepted WHSCT patients into the regional services. BHSCT would not be able to identify those patients diverted

- 2. Can you state in which situation you accept patients? Paper work guidance documentation.**

Belfast Trust will accept patients depending on each individual referral and Patient's clinical requirements

- 3. Can you tell me where these patients are brought to for admission and surgery?**

A patient will be brought to where they need to be treated i.e. theatre, ICU, major trauma ward, a normal ward it will all depend on the referral.

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4. 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.

Patients are accepted based on clinical need of which there are multiple reasons.