

## National Major Trauma Nursing Group

### Major Trauma Coordinators Sub Group

#### Terms of Reference

##### 1. Introduction

In July 2015 the National Major Trauma Nursing Group (NMTNG) was convened to form a national forum for trauma nursing.

##### 2. Aims (long term)

- a. The Major Trauma Coordinator group is a designated sub group of the NMTNG (*originally a fringe group of the Adult Trauma Ward Group*). We aim to give a voice and forge a direction for our small professional group.
- b. Identify similarities in approach but also to celebrate different approaches taken by staff across the four countries of the United Kingdom. It is important to emphasise that this group is to promote the role as a whole and not to dictate that one approach may be better than another.
- c. Consider whether a National approach to Trauma Coordination is required.
- d. Provide advice and recommendations to relevant individuals and bodies including commissioners and to inform the national trauma agenda and standards setting.

##### 3. Objectives

- a. Engage all trauma coordinators involved in the care of severely injured adults and children to produce improvements in care.
- b. Share common issues and best practice.
- c. Consider developing professional skillsets/competencies.
- d. Consider collating different approaches to trauma coordination and create a national repository for these approaches
- e. Consider creating a national statement on Trauma Coordination to act as advice and recommendations to relevant individuals and bodies including commissioners, to inform the national trauma agenda and standards setting.
- f. Reinforce the message nationally that effective trauma coordination saves bed days, optimises theatre capacity, increases patient satisfaction, and net effect is saving tax payers money.
- g. Support and/or partake in any research that will aid the development of the role

##### 4. Membership

The group will be made up of Nurses and AHP's involved in Major Trauma Coordination.

The group shall consist of:

- a. Chair: The group shall be chaired by an individual who spends a significant proportion of their work time coordinating the care of major trauma patients. They will be responsible for facilitating the group to achieve the aims and objectives. The tenure shall be 2 years where the chair position will be handed over to the Vice-Chair.

- b. Vice-Chair: The Chair shall be supported by a Vice-Chair. They will be an individual who spends a significant proportion of their work time coordinating the care of major trauma patients. They can deputise and undertake all the functions of the chair in their absence. The tenure shall be for 2 years before assuming the role of Chair for a further 2 years.
5. Terms of reference agreed October 14<sup>th</sup> 2021. To review every 2 years.