

“A Review of Acute Trauma Services in Northern Ireland”

BACKGROUND TO THE REVIEW:

The need for the review was identified following the work on the review of ambulances. The publication of “Developing Better Services/ Modernising Hospitals and Reforming Structures” has highlighted the need to review capacity of local hospitals to deal with trauma¹.

PROJECT PURPOSE:

“To develop an agreed vision for the future provision of Trauma Services for the population of Northern Ireland and an implementation plan to establish this vision”.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- *To review current evidence and guidance on trauma service provision:*
- *To involve key stakeholders in the development of the project:*
- *To review the current services against the guidance:*
- *To identify gaps and service delivery problems now and in the future:*
- *To identify options for service development:*
- *To produce an agreed strategic report and an action plan to put it into effect*

SCOPE:

To include:

- Adult & Paediatric
- Major Trauma² i & Serious Trauma³ ii

¹ Includes Major and Serious Trauma. The review will exclude Coronary Emergencies and HEMS as these have been dealt with through a different process

² **Major Trauma** is any injury with an injury severity score (ISS) greater than 15.

³ **Serious Trauma** may be considered as per the Major Trauma Outcome Study (MTOS) criteria of ‘injury resulting in: death, or ICU stay, or greater than or equal to three nights in hospital, but has an ISS less than 15.

- Head Injuries: Chest Injuries: Vascular: Spinal Injuries:
Burns: Multiple #s
- All of Northern Ireland
- Cross Border where appropriate

Regional Review of Trauma Services ~ Reporting Structures

