

THE SCOTTISH TRAUMA NETWORK

MAJOR INCIDENTS WITH MASS CASUALTIES GROUP

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The Scottish Trauma Network's (STN) Major Incidents with Mass Casualties (MI/MC) Group had its first meeting on 22 March.

This is a partnership between Scottish Government Health and Social Care Directorates, NHS Boards, Health and Social Care Partnerships (HSCP) and Local Authority Chief Social Work Officers under the auspices of the STN. Its task is to produce a new national plan that sets out how health and social care services will come together to respond to the needs of adults and children during a major incident with mass casualties.

Chaired by Angiolina Foster, Chief Executive of NHS24, the Group's membership comprises a range of professionals from the NHS acute sector, community health and social work services.

Based on the current Mass Casualties Incident Plan for NHSScotland (2015) the new MI/MC plan will take account of best practice from the UK and internationally and reflect recent and emerging service developments such as the HSCPs and Regional Trauma Networks. It will define roles and remits of various health and social care services at strategic and operational levels, and at various stages of a response to a MI/MC: pre-hospital, on admission to acute hospitals and in the community by primary care and community services.

The aim is to produce a first version of the new MI/MC plan, a so-called Concept of Operations, by the end of October 2018. This will then be tested / exercised with the Regional Trauma Networks as they develop.

Initial Focus

A workplan for the next six months is being finalised. However the initial focus will be on:

- Pre-Hospital Medical Care
- Children/paediatrics (including health and social care aspects)
- Developing Casualty Distribution Plans with territorial Health Boards.

Patient-tracking systems and workforce issues will be addressed in parallel with the above, as will work on the provision of psychological / trauma support for casualties and communication processes.

A Bulletin will be produced after each of the Groups' meetings to keep stakeholders informed of progress.

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