

## *'Saving Lives – Giving Life Back'*



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Everything you need to know about the Scottish Trauma Network

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Emergency Department Consultant Dr Mike Johnston talks about the ethos and benefits of the Trauma Network

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## Ninewells at forefront of Scotland's Trauma Network

Welcome to the first edition of the Eastern Region's (NHS Tayside and North East Fife) Trauma Network News.

The new Scottish Trauma Network will consist of four centres across Scotland. The centres at Ninewells Hospital in Dundee (East), Edinburgh Royal (South East), Aberdeen Royal (North) and Queen Elizabeth in Glasgow (West) will create a trauma network where the most seriously injured patients will receive the best specialist treatment and rehabilitation.

The centres in the North and East will be the first to become operational by Autumn 2018.

## What's been happening?

There has been a lot of progress made over the past six months across the various workstreams, including the development of detailed implementation plans and approval of the Scottish Government funding bids. The Scottish Government awarded funding over the next five years to support the new Major Trauma Centre in Ninewells Hospital.

As part of the Major Trauma Project, a dedicated unit will be created for up to six patients who will be cared for by highly qualified nursing and Allied Health Professionals (AHPs). The Scottish Trauma Network invested additional resources to increase the number of AHP staff and expand the current acute based rehabilitation service for major trauma patients from five to seven days a week. This increased rehabilitation will help people get better more quickly and in turn improve the likelihood for patients to get back to what they were doing before the incident occurred. An AHP Improvement Advisor will be appointed to further map the rehabilitation pathways so we can ensure appropriate, high quality and intensive therapy intervention once patients have left the acute setting.

Additional funding has been awarded for nursing and support staff to work within

the Major Trauma Unit and across the other specialties who will continue to provide care for major trauma patients. Advanced Trauma Nurse Practitioner posts have been advertised and these new positions will provide an opportunity for staff to be part of something new and exciting which is integral to how the Orthopaedic and Trauma Department work together to redesign care for trauma patients.

A training plan is being developed by Ann McLean, Head of Nursing, Orthopaedic and Trauma, for nurses to attend the Advanced Trauma Life Support Course (ATLS). This global course teaches a systematic process of trauma care for patients with life-threatening injuries and will provide very useful skills for nurses working with trauma patients. A national Education and Workforce Group is being arranged by the Scottish Trauma Network with representatives from clinical, nursing and AHP staff.

Initial design proposals have been shared with key staff for the enhancement of the Major Trauma Resuscitation Bay within the Emergency Department and the creation of the Major Trauma Inpatient Unit. Ongoing design meetings are planned with project leads to develop detailed designs.





## The development of the Eastern Region's Major Trauma Centre is being led by Emergency Department Consultant Dr Mike Johnston.

Here he talks about the new Trauma Network and the benefits it will bring.

"The overall aim of the Scottish Trauma Network will be 'Saving lives. Giving life back'. Evidence from around the world shows that a coordinated and inclusive system of trauma care significantly reduces mortality by around 20 to 25% and improves outcomes for patients.

"This will be an inclusive trauma network for Scotland, which means it includes a number of hospital sites and regional networks, to deliver the highest quality of integrated care to severely injured patients.

"It will save more lives and improve the lives of patients throughout the trauma pathway – from prevention to rehabilitation.

"This investment in enhancing trauma services and building a specialist workforce, including pre-hospital retrieval and transfer, diagnostic capacity and rehabilitation, will benefit a far wider group of severely ill and injured patients across Scotland.

"I am pleased to say that we are at the forefront of major trauma care and we are very proud to be one of the key players in this network. Staff are very experienced when it comes to major trauma services."

## Next Steps

Staff briefing sessions will be held in April 2018 to share plans for the future and opportunities to work within this exciting new service.

Sessions are open to all staff in NHS Tayside and NHS Fife who are interested in the development of this new service.

Each of the key leads and Project Sponsor will present to staff and there will be an opportunity to ask questions on the day.

## Staff sessions

Friday, 20 April, 10am-12.15pm  
Steele Lecture Room, Perth Royal Infirmary

Tuesday, 24 April, 10am-12.15pm  
Wolfson Lecture Theatre, Ninewells

We will keep you updated with developments in future issues.

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To find out more about the Scottish Trauma Network and the latest news and updates from the four regions, visit [www.scottishtraumanetwork.com](http://www.scottishtraumanetwork.com)



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