A Major Trauma Network for South Wales, West Wales and South Powys

Easy Read version
This booklet tells you our ideas for a Major Trauma Network.

We want to know what you think.

There is a form at the back to say what you think of our ideas.

Please tell us before 5 February 2018
What is a Major Trauma Network?

A trauma is an injury.

Most injured people can be treated by their doctor or at their local hospital.

A major trauma is a very bad injury. It is so bad that the person may die, or their life may never be the same again.

A Major Trauma Network says how hospitals, ambulances and community services work together to give someone with a major trauma the best treatment.
A major trauma network helps us know where to send people if a lot of people are badly hurt in the same event.

**How does a Major Trauma Network work?**

A Major Trauma Network has:

1. **Major Trauma Centre**

A major trauma centre is part of a hospital.
Trained staff have special equipment to help the most badly injured people.

Every network needs 1 Major Trauma Centre.

A major Trauma Network also has Trauma Units

A Trauma Unit is part of a hospital.

The staff have special training and more equipment than local hospital emergency departments.
Every network has Trauma Units.

Trauma Units help people who:

cannot be taken fast enough to the Major Trauma Centre.

were in the Major Trauma Centre, but are getting better.

need treatment they cannot get at their local emergency department.
A Major Trauma Network has local hospital emergency departments

An emergency department is part of a hospital.

It is for people who have an illness or injury that needs to be treated urgently.

It also has Rehabilitation services

Rehabilitation services help people get back to their everyday lives.
Some services are based in hospitals.

Some services have their own building.

Some services visit people at home.

A Major Trauma Network also has services to help people before they get to hospital.

These are the people who come out when someone calls 999.
They check where to take people for treatment.

If people need the Major Trauma Centre, they will take them straight there by road or helicopter.

Sometimes it will take too long to get to the Major Trauma Centre. So they may take people to a local Trauma Unit first.

When it is safe, they will take them to the Major Trauma Centre.
Why start a Major Trauma Network?

A Major Trauma Network means:

- more people will survive after a bad injury.
- less people will have their lives changed for ever.
- badly injured people will not need as much help from the NHS in the long term.
we know what to do if a lot of people are badly injured in the same event.

we make best use of specially trained doctors.

Having a Major Trauma Network will make it easier to:

get specially trained doctors to work in the area.

give extra training to staff in hospitals or community health services.
What we have done about this so far:

We set up a Project Board.

We talked with doctors.

We listened to experts.

We ran a workshop.
We agreed that we want a Major Trauma Network for South Wales.

Then we asked for advice from an independent panel of experts.

They told us:

The Major Trauma Centre should be in University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff.

It will be for adults and children.
Morriston Hospital, Swansea, should lead the Major Trauma Network. This means making sure patients are treated in the right place.

Morriston Hospital, should be a large Trauma Unit. This means it will treat people that smaller Trauma Units cannot treat.

Each health board will decide what to do about Trauma Units in their area.

The independent panel chose University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff because it already provides:

neurosurgery.
Neurosurgery means operating on the brain.

specialist children's services.
What will it cost?

We know it will cost extra money to set up a Major Trauma Network.

It will cost money for buildings and staff to make University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff, into a Major Trauma Centre.

It will also cost money to make Morrison Hospital, Swansea, into a large Trauma Unit.
What next?

We want to know what you think.

Please tell us before 5th February 2018
You can tell us by:

We will hold public meetings.

You can come to the meetings.

Or by filling in the consultation form.

We will think about what everyone says.

We will decide in Spring 2018.
Find out more

If you want to find out more you can:

Visit our website:

www.publichealthwales.org/majortraumaconsultation

You can email us:

NHSWHC.strategicplanning@wales.nhs.uk

Telephone:

02920 502674

You can write to us:

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We want to know what you think of our ideas.

We will think about what you tell us.

We will tell the Health Boards in South Wales, West Wales and South Powys what everyone said.

The Health Boards will decide what to do.

You will be allowed to go to the meeting where the Health Boards decide.
A Major Trauma Network for South Wales

What I think

Anyone may see your answers. If you want something kept private, please tell us.

Do not put personal medical information.

Use full words.

Do not send us articles, letters or leaflets
About you:

Please tell us your postcode:

How old are you?

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I am telling you what I think ✓

I am telling you what an organisation thinks. ✓

The organisation is called:
Please tell us if you have a special reason for being interested. For example, tell us if you will make money if we do what you suggest.
Please send your answers to:

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Please write the address like this. Please use CAPITAL LETTERS

You can email this form to: nhswhc.strategicplanning@wales.nhs.uk

You can telephone us on: 02920 502674
1. About having a major trauma network.

Please tick your answer

| Thumb Up | We need a major trauma network |
| Thumb Down | We do not need a major trauma network |
| I do not know. | I am not sure. |
| Tell us more about what you think. |

I do not know.
2. About the Independent Panel

Please tick your answer

- [ ] I want you to do what the Independent Panel says.
- [ ] I do not know.
- [ ] I am not sure.
- [ ] I do not want you to do what the Independent Panel says.
- [ ] Tell us more about what you think.

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Anything else?

Do you want to tell us anything else?
We want to make sure we treat everyone fairly.

We want to make sure no-one is left out.

That is why we are asking some questions about you.

You do not have to fill this in if you don’t want to

We will not tell other people what you say.

We do not need your name.
Tick one box to answer each question.

### Age

What was the age on your last birthday?

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<td>65-74</td>
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### What sex are you?

Are you a:

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<th>Female</th>
<th>Male</th>
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<td>Other</td>
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### Gender Identity

Do you identify as the sex you were assigned at birth?

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<th>Yes</th>
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### Your Ethnic group

Please tick 1 box

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<th>White</th>
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<td>Mixed/multiple ethnic groups</td>
<td>Any other ethnic background</td>
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<td>Asian/Asian British</td>
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### Disability

Are your day to day activities limited because of a health problem or disability, which has lasted or expected to last, at least 12 months?

| Yes, limited a lot | Yes, limited a little | No | Prefer not to say |

### Sexuality

Are you:

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### Religion

What is your religion?

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<th>Christian</th>
<th>Buddhist</th>
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<td>Hindu</td>
<td>Jewish</td>
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<td>Sikh</td>
<td>Any other Religion</td>
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If there isn't a box for your religion, please write your religion here:

### Language

Are you a Welsh speaker?

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What is your first language?

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<th>British Sign Language (BSL)</th>
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### Caring Responsibilities

Are you someone’s unpaid carer?

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### Do you work for the NHS?

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Thank you for telling us what you think.

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