**Trauma Nurse Coordinator**

The main purpose of the role is to coordinate Trauma Services within the Trust, as part of the trauma team, for both in patients and out patients, minimising cancellations and delays and making sure the patients receive treatment by timely assessment and / or admission as required.

Communication is the pivotal point of this role and the trauma nurse liases with medical and nursing staff, and other departments such as Theatre, X-Ray, laboratories and other specialist nurses.

The trauma nurse is available to give support, advice and information to patients and their relatives / carers.

Patients who are seen in clinic who need surgery but not as an emergency, are seen by the trauma nurse who will ascertain the patients past medical history and medication, arrange any tests required, take the patients telephone number, and give them a letter which explains fasting and admission details and contact details. These patients are contacted every day via telephone.

The trauma nurse also links into the work of the falls and osteoporosis service by, instigating base line investigations, including ordering DEXA scans on patients less than 75 years of age, participating in the ortho geriatric ward rounds and coordinating the transfer of patients for rehabilitation.

As part of mandatory infection surveillance, the trauma nurse also carries out surgical site infection surveillance on patients who have undergone Total Knee Replacements.

Hours of Duty 8:00-17:00 hrs Monday to Thursday, 8:00-23:30 hrs Friday.