



TARN

THE TRAUMA AUDIT & RESEARCH NETWORK

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TARN Major Incident Module

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HOW TO ACTIVATE THE Major Incident Module

- 1 Call TARN on 0161 206 4397 between office hours of 09:00 - 17:00
- 2 Provide details of the incident, including:
 - Date
 - Time
 - Location or postcode
- 3 Initiation of the module will be by the Network Clinical Director in conjunction with the TARN Executive Director.

The Network Clinical Director will provide contact details of the person who will coordinate the module with TARN.

TARN contact details:
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1. Background

- Major Incidents pose a number of unique problems for the health service. At present there is no systematic method of collecting information about all patients attending hospital after a major incident (TARN only collects those patient who fulfil the TARN entry criteria).
- Study of injury patterns, demands on health services and health service response may require a comprehensive picture of all of the injuries that result from a major incident.
- This is potentially sensitive data and the large amount of publicity surrounding these incidents means that individual patients are potentially identifiable. A robust system of governance is required.
- The TARN Major Incident Module allows collection of data on all patients that are in contact with hospital services following a major incident.

2. TARN Major Incident Module

- A designated member of TARN staff will have an overview of the Major Incident Module with at least annual review and updating of procedures.
- Initiation of use of the module will be by the Clinical Director of the Trauma Network primarily involved in the Major Incident in conjunction with the TARN Executive Director.
- The Trauma Networks will be responsible for identifying all patients involved in the major incident. Individual patient data will be submitted to TARN by hospital trauma audit coordinators using the normal TARN national clinical audit system.
- TARN will give each major incident a unique identifier in order to identify all of the patients involved in that particular event.
- A new field 'Was the patient involved in a Major Incident' will be available within the TARN data collection system to simplify patient identification.
- Patients who don't fulfil the TARN entry criteria will be included in the module.
- Patients who fulfil the TARN entry criteria will be included in routine TARN reporting.
- TARN will develop a routine "Major Incident Report" for the relevant Trauma Network(s) (initially based on our experience following the Manchester bombing).
- Patient level data will be held securely within the TARN system.

- Any requests for analysis of the Major Incident Module data must be approved through the Clinical Director of the Trauma Network within which the incident took place.
- Analysis will be carried out by TARN staff and the results of the analysis will be first sent to the Clinical Director of the Trauma Network within which the incident took place.
- Incident and response characteristics will not be collected (there is a facility for collecting these endorsed by NHS England at <http://majorincidentreporting.net>).
- The costs of activating the Major Incident Module will be included within TARN's normal fee system (ie there will be no additional costs to the NHS Trusts involved).