## ACTION CARD 13

## Surgical Triage Officer

CONSULTANT SURGEON ON-CALL/SURGICAL REGISTRAR ON-CALL

## **FUNCTION/ROLE:** To:

- Ensure that surgical services in the hospital are managed appropriately during a major emergency
- Ensure that surgical in-patients in the hospital are managed appropriately during a major emergency.

## **ACTIVATION PROCEDURE:**

- You will be informed by the Switchboard Alert level 1.
- 1. Arrange to prioritise ward patients for potential discharge on all surgical wards.
- 2. Liaise with the Theatre CNM3.
- **3.** Designate operating teams.
- **4.** Appoint a Deputy to oversee activity in theatres and pre-op area. This deputy to keep Surgical Triage Officer informed on all progress.
- **5.** Designate a treatment team if needed to the Emergency Department pre-op areas.
- **6.** Liaise closely with the Medical Director of the ED, the Medical Triage Officer and the Hospital Co-ordinator.
- **7.** Prioritise patients for theatre.