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Theatres

THEATRE SUPERINTENDANT/THEATRE NURSE SERVICE MANAGER

FUNCTION/ROLE: To:

- Ensure that surgery in progress is completed
- Ensure theatre surgical services in the hospital are managed appropriately during a major emergency.

ACTIVATION PROCEDURE:

- You will be informed by the Bed Manager Alert level 1.
 - The Consultant Surgeon On Call or Consultant/Medic in charge in the Emergency Department must keep the Theatre Superintendent/ Nurse Service Manager informed of the possible and likely Theatre requirements.
 - Access Theatre capacity
 - Calling in of Off Duty Staff
 - Prepare Theatres for Emergency work
 - Routine operating lists should cease as soon as possible to accommodate emergencies.
 - Surgeons to be kept informed by the Theatre Superintendent/Nurse Service Manager