

Patient scenarios



Patient A – Adult elective surgery

Jim is 54 and lives in Ardrossan.

Jim has arthritis in his knee and is waiting for a knee replacement. Previously Jim would have had his operation at University Hospital Crosshouse. He will now have it at University Hospital Ayr.

Jim's care following discharge will be at Crosshouse.

Having all elective (planned) surgery in one hospital means that we can improve patient care by have highly skilled and experienced staff working in a centre of excellence for joint replacement surgery. This also means that surgery should not be cancelled due to trauma surgery.



Patient B – Adult trauma surgery

Betty is 72 and lives in Ayr.

Betty fell while doing her shopping. The paramedics think she has broken her hip. Previously the ambulance would have taken her to University Hospital Ayr for assessment. She will now have this assessment in University Hospital Crosshouse.

Betty has an x-ray in the Emergency Department, which confirms she has broken her hip. She is fast tracked through the department up to the specialist ward for people with broken hips.

Before and after surgery, Betty will be looked after by an experienced team, including a Care of the Elderly Consultant. If, after a few days, the team feel that Betty would benefit from further rehabilitation, arrangements would be made to transfer her to Biggart Hospital.



Patient C – Paediatrics

Chris is an eight year old boy, and was playing football at Belleisle Park, Ayr.

While playing in goals, he sprained his wrist. His arm becomes bruised and swollen later that night and his mum is worried.

She takes him to their local Emergency Department, which is University Hospital Ayr, where he is assessed and treated.

If it is broken he may need to see a consultant in the next few days at University Hospital Crosshouse. However, under the new pathway, there is no change to the way Chris is seen and treated.



Patient D – Major trauma

Alan is a window cleaner. He has fallen from his ladders when he was working in Galston.

An ambulance was called. Alan is in and out of consciousness and has broken multiple bones.

Alan has suffered 'major trauma' and is taken to the Major Trauma Centre in Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow.

Here he will be looked after by the major trauma team and have access to various specialist teams who will plan his immediate care.

Once Alan is on his way to recovery, he will be transferred back to either University Hospital Crosshouse or the Douglas Grant Rehabilitation Unit at Ayrshire Central, depending on his condition.