

**describe your idea,**

your ‘lightbulb moment’...

To maintain patient flow for fit and well plastics trauma.

We expanded our practice in Th 9 to manage trauma for upper limb plastic cases under regional block or LA.

We believe that we can continue this with DMT backing.

describe the

**results** of your changes...

the **benefits** to the patient, the service/team

All care is provided in the same department in

one day ; Diagnosis. Surgery. Therapy. Dressings.

Follow-up planning. This has usually been on day

seen in trauma clinic, reducing the Pt’s wait.

-Geographically located in one department.

-Underutilised facility prior to COVID.

-Surgery under regional block or LA; Less risky than GA during COVID in line with WHO guidance. Pt engagement during surgery, Reduced need for post op analgesia.

-Training and up skilling of current staff.

-Reduced bed capacity.

Is there anything else to improve or something you couldn’t get done this time? *(your next lightbulb moment)*

Tracing of theatre equipment Learning from theatre team. Scrub skills competencies. Kit required if we continue.

Next time...what would you do **differently** or what **advice** would you give to others?

This was always in our remit as we have been performing block lists once or twice a month for some time, but the department does not have enough staff to manage the trauma list on a daily basis.

**Start date April 2020 Finish date**

describe what you **enjoyed** and

what **surprised** you...

Team have learned new skills and work between the MDTs has benefitted.

Willingness to learn new skills.

Great patient feedback.

*Plan SMART: Specific, Measurable, Achievable Realistic, Timescale*

**Who** was on your dream team and which department/ ward/area are you from?

Plastic Surgery nurses

Plastics Trauma team

Anaesthetic department.

Main theatre.

Plastic surgeons.

In responding to COVID-19 **what** did you need to **change** and **why**?

One of the things that we needed to do was commence trauma surgery in Th 9 due to the lack of capacity in main theatres.

We offered our theatre for Plastics and Orthopaedic upper and lower limb trauma cases for fit and well patients. This helped in reducing the flow of patients requiring main theatre and not requiring hospital beds.

Who did you need **help** from? (managers/ other depts)

Main Theatre & Recovery

Anaesthetic team

Trauma team

**How** long did it take? (it might be hours/ days/ months)

A few days to gather equipment etc

*The five W’s, who, what, when, where, why*



***Extra details on this side if you need more space...***

***What next?***

**Keep** a copy for your personal annual appraisal

**Give** a copy to your manager for your department’s collection of lightbulb moments

**Send** a copy to the PMO (Project Management Office)