

## **The Main Purpose of the Midland Burn Operational Delivery Network (MB ODN)**

The MB ODN ensures that all of those involved in burns care in the Midlands provide a service that is based on the ethos of “excellence in everything we do”. As a team we aim to provide a service which is both excellent and equitable across the region. The diversity of the demographics in the Midlands presents us with challenges in delivering quality burn care which is accessible and affordable to everyone in the Midlands. By organising burn care as part of a managed clinical network patients and their families can expect to receive the right treatment in the right place according to their clinical needs. Every effort is being made to deliver all appropriate care as close to the patients home as possible and consider patient preference in the planning of their ongoing care.

Patients with the most severe complex injuries will always receive their initial treatment in Birmingham. But there is a requirement to maintain a service in Nottingham capable of delivering care to patients with severe burn injuries, which will include the provision of Intensive Care. This significantly reduces the number of East Midlands patients that would need to be transferred to Birmingham. Burn and Plastic services in Leicester, Coventry and Stoke provide a service for patients with minor burn injuries and early repatriation.

By adopting a tiered approach to burn care maximum utility is made of both the resources and clinical expertise available within the Midlands.

Much of the work of the Network Team has been associated with ensuring there are systems in place to ensure that the right patients are treated in the right place at the right time. A significant amount of effort has been directed at developing an assurance process capable of measuring the quality of care across the whole of the Midlands.

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