







The emergency surgery pathway will be monitored going forward by the working group; based on feedback from Trusts the group will meet twice weekly at first and the frequency will be reduced if possible. The working group is chaired by Alexandra Norrish as Programme Director for the project and reports to the Health and Care Management Team.

Owing to pressures on the SCFT PALS team there will be a less intensive approach to collecting patient feedback but patient experience will continue to be monitored.

The working group will also develop clear exit criteria, e.g. if Covid numbers decline significantly, or if the pathway is not needed or not being fully used by Trusts.

## 9) Timeline for reactivating the pathway

The timeline is as follows:

Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Decision by the HCMG to reopen the pathway
Weds 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Meeting of the working group for the emergency surgery pathway, to review the protocols and identify any changes required, in particular around swabbing. Protocols revised and circulated for comment by the working group and COOs
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Communications issued to all key stakeholders
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Pathway goes live
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Confirmation by DoFs of proposed position on finance

## 10) Conclusion

The pathway will go live on 2nd November. The working group, which includes all the Trusts and ambulance services, will keep the situation under review.

The Programme Director will bring regular reports to Chief Executives and Accountable Officers via the weekly Health and Care Management Team meetings.

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