

Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust consists of Royal Preston Hospital and Chorley and South Ribble Hospital. Royal Preston Hospital is the Major Trauma Centre for Lancashire and South Cumbria. We are surrounded by an urban population supplied by an extensive motorway network as well as a large area of very variable rural landscapes, meaning that we experience a wide range of major trauma presentations. We are also a Major Trauma Unit for Paediatrics. Our Major trauma team is led by the Emergency department consultants and is comprised of representatives from a number of specialty teams. We have recently increased our resuscitation capacity and have a co-located CT scanner. Most of the medical and surgical specialties are available at Royal Preston Hospital. These include Vascular surgery, ENT, Maxillofacial, Plastic Surgery, Neurosurgery, Oncology, Renal and Stroke. At Chorley and South Ribble Hospital our emergency department is open for 12 hours a day and caters for all emergencies except major trauma. Both Emergency departments have a co-located Urgent care centre.

Our emergency department works as a multidisciplinary team dedicated to providing specialist emergency care to the highest level. We pride ourselves as being a very cohesive, enthusiastic and supportive team. Our team includes doctors, nurses, Advanced and Emergency Nurse Practitioners, trauma technicians and physiotherapists. Our aim is to care for the individual, in a timely manner, following evidence based world class treatment. There are currently 16 Fulltime Equivalent Consultants in Emergency Medicine working in our Emergency departments. A number of consultants have dual accreditation including Acute medicine, Intensive care and Paediatric Emergency Medicine. Members of our team are also involved in research, pre-hospital care including North West Air Ambulance and the Medical Emergency Response Incident Team (MERIT), as well as regional education and simulation and strategic development. Our consultants instruct on several courses including life support courses and ultrasound courses and accreditation. There is Consultant presence in the department for 16 hours a day as well as oncall availability for Major trauma. We provide weekly teaching for junior and middle grade groups as well as shopfloor teaching. We offer placements for emergency department trainees during their paediatric rotation and are currently developing a separate stream for treating children. Our department is undergoing building expansion and improvements with a dedicated area for Rapid Assessment and Triage (RATs) opened by the end of 2018. Further expansions include the development of a dedicated paediatric area as well as expansion and modernization of the high acuity areas.