On receiving a pre-alert message from a pre-hospital provider, a trauma team should be activated if any of the following criteria are met:

- Trauma triage tool ‘positive’
- Traumatic cardiac arrest
  - Airway obstruction / concern
  - RR <10 or >29
  - Open pneumothorax
  - Flail chest
- Massive / catastrophic haemorrhage
- SBP <90mmHg (sustained)
- Suspected major pelvic #
- Penetrating injury to neck / chest
- GCS motor <4
- Evidence of spinal cord injury
- Suspected open / depressed skull #
- More than 1 proximal long bone #
- Crushed, degloved, mangled or amputated limb

When activating the trauma team, it should be clear whether it is ADULT, PAEDIATRIC, OBSTETRIC.