

## Datasheet – Clinical Governance

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**Clinical governance is the system through which your organisation delivers safe, effective, high-quality casualty care.**

It forms a fundamental part of your organisation's risk management strategy, by developing processes and procedures to ensure that casualties receive the right care, at the right time, by the right person. Through a continuous cycle of quality improvement, clinical governance provides high levels of assurance that the care delivered is safe and effective.

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### INTRODUCTION

Trauma Resus has been supporting organisations to implement robust clinical governance for over 14 years, and will provide the clinical input into your organisation, which forms part of your clinical governance committee and overarching strategy.

Through working in partnership and supporting decision making, Trauma Resus can empower organisations to deliver high standards of care, which improves patient outcomes and saves lives.

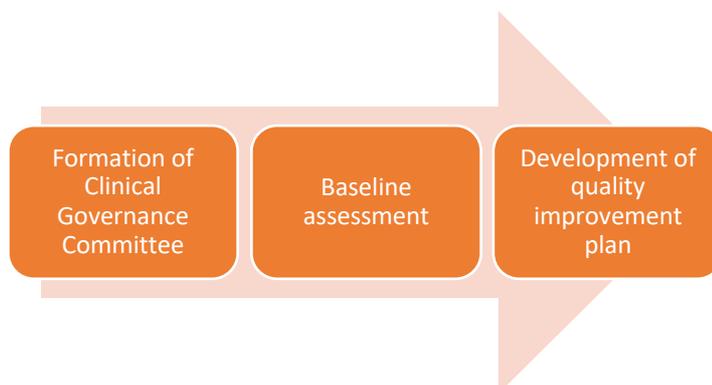
In the UK, the Faculty of Pre-Hospital Care (FPHC), a sub group of the Royal College of Surgeons sets and maintains the clinical standards of pre-hospital care.

In an effort to standardise the descriptions of pre-hospital care providers the FPHC developed a framework to categorise all providers from first aid at level A through to a pre-hospital care doctor at Level H.

Trauma Resus delivers advanced first aid training to organisations, typically at either a level C, D or E. The FPHC state that *"any organisation or individual providing care above First Aid at Work (level B) must be operating within a framework of Clinical Governance and Continuous Professional Development"*.

The issue of clinical governance can be a daunting task for any organisation looking to introduce an advanced first aid standard. We have a number of Health Care Professionals within the team who have extensive experience in managing risk and clinical governance within the NHS, and can provide the expertise necessary to help you on your journey.

The introduction of clinical governance into your organisation would typically follow these steps :-



## ADOPTING CLINICAL GOVERNANCE WITH TRAUMA RESUS

Trauma Resus would appoint a medical director and clinical lead for your organisation who would be responsible for providing advice and support as well as the clinical input into the committee.

Through the development and delivery of the quality improvement plan, the clinical governance committee would be responsible for :-

- Training & education (Trauma Resus is responsible for ensuring the clinical content of the course is evidence based, and in-line with the latest guidelines and recommendations)
- Incident investigation and sharing lessons learnt
- Equipment selection and use
- Measuring clinical effectiveness
- Risk management
- Audit and assurance

This model can be tailored to suit your organisation, to ensure that it complies with any regulatory body such as the Care Quality Commission (CQC), Health & Safety Executive (HSE), etc.

In addition to supporting your organisation's clinical governance committee, Trauma Resus will also audit your organisation on a regular basis.

This audit includes a detailed review of training records including ongoing maintenance of skills training, and review of a selection of both training and live equipment to ensure these are being cared for appropriately, and remain fit for purpose.

The audit also includes a drop-down scenario, to establish your organisation's ability to respond to an emergency, and to assess the quality of care that is delivered.

This is run as a facilitated coaching session as opposed to an actual test. This audit report forms part of the organisation's quality assurance process.

It is important to note that clinical governance is not a medical indemnity or insurance policy. Instead, it is aimed at getting things right the first time and every time.

