

**Middlesex London Paramedic Service
and London Health Sciences Centre
Ambulance Destination Policy**

MENTAL HEALTH PATIENTS BEING TRANSPORTED TO A LONDON HOSPITAL

Background

The only Emergency Department (ED) in London with definitive Mental Health assessment facilities is the Victoria Hospital ED of the London Health Sciences Centre (LHSC).

Many patients with mental illness have co-existing medical problems that take precedence over their psychiatric condition. It is important, therefore, to follow the procedures outlined below, to determine the most appropriate destination.

EXCLUSIONS:


- CTAS 1 patients (based on medical instability, and not Mental Health CTAS modifiers).
- Patients that would normally be transported to a hospital outside of London.
- Mental Health patients with acute medical or surgical conditions.

PROTOCOL


- CTAS 2-5 patients with **acute** mental health problems will be transported directly to LHSC Victoria Hospital Emergency Department.

FORMED PATIENTS


- All patients, including those in the County of Middlesex who have been placed on a Form 1 by a physician can be transported directly to LHSC Victoria Hospital ED. These patients will bypass Four



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