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British Association of Plastic
Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons

Covid-19 Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Escalation Policy

Prevalence	Low	Medium	High	Very high
Impact	Normal Winter Pressure Business as usual	Limited ITU Limited beds	No ITU Theatre ITU pods No Beds Emergency Discharges	Emergency surgery limited Isolation limited
Phase	Prepare to respond	Stop routines	Prioritise Urgent	Major Incident
Trauma Operating	Normal	Increase day-case Consultant Surgeon Trauma Coordinator Early surgery to decrease LoS (using elective capacity) – <i>No pre-op delays</i>	Maximise day-case Increase non-op	Further increase non-op
Elective Operating	Normal except no vulnerable patients e.g. ASA 1 only	Urgent and cancer only	All elective surgery stops	
Emergency Clinic	Normal new patient Start reducing follow-up All-day open access new pt Start designing virtual clinic follow-up	Increase use of non-surgical techniques Virtual follow-up where possible Elective surgeons to support	All ED injuries triaged to outpatient clinic except resus cases Urgent minor ops in outpatient clinic 7 day, 12h service	
Elective Clinic	Normal new patient Start reducing follow-up	Urgent only No follow-up	Urgent diverted to clinic	