



The Royal College of **Pathologists**

Pathology: the science behind the cure

## **Response from the Royal College of Pathologists to A Major Trauma Network for South and West Wales and South Powys**

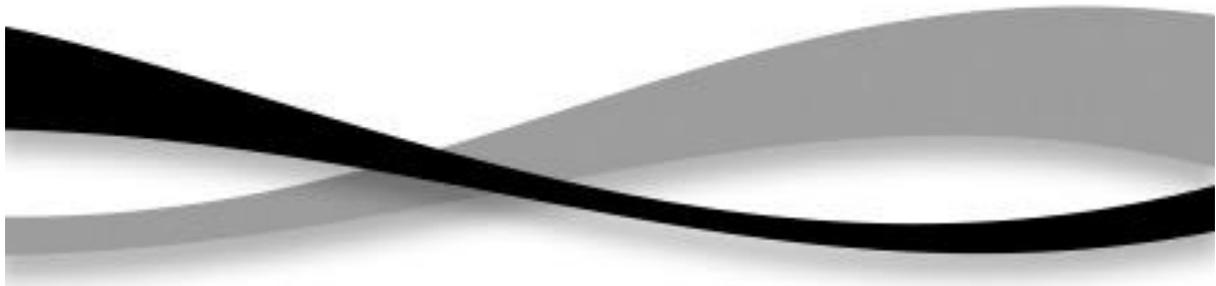
**The Royal College of Pathologists' written submission**

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## **1 About the Royal College of Pathologists**

1.1 The Royal College of Pathologists (RCPATH) is a professional membership organisation with charitable status. It is committed to setting and maintaining professional standards and to promoting excellence in the teaching and practice of pathology. Pathology is the science at the heart of modern medicine and is involved in 70 per cent of all diagnoses made within the National Health Service. The College aims to advance the science and practice of pathology, to provide public education, to promote research in pathology and to disseminate the results. We have over 10,000 members across 20 specialties working in hospital laboratories, universities and industry worldwide to diagnose, treat and prevent illness.

1.2 The Royal College of Pathologists response reflects comments made by Fellows and members

## **2 Response**

2.1 There is agreement that a major trauma network should be established for South and West Wales and South Powys.

2.2 There is agreement that the development of the major trauma network for South and West Wales and South Powys should be based on the recommendations from the independent panel.

2.3 The network should be established as speedily as possible. Care must be taken to ensure that it is properly resourced, which of course includes the necessary pathology support, especially blood transfusion support.

2.4 There is a need for Critical Care beds, Theatre investment, consultant office and admin support, improved IT infrastructure, a dedicated Trauma ward etc. There are also implications for other support services in particular radiology.