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# Daycase General Surgery

# During Covid-19

Friday 18th June 2021

Virtual Conference



## Speakers include:

Dr Kim Russon

*President*

British Association of  
Day Surgery  
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Day surgery is now provided for an increasing range of procedures, in patients ranging from the very fit to the rather frail. It has become the standard of care for many elective surgery procedures and should be the default option for all 200 procedures within the BADS Directory of Procedures.

The Covid-19 pandemic has put extraordinary strain on hospital services, staff and facilities with hospitals having to restructure pathways and spaces. During the first wave, the majority of elective surgery was suspended resulting in long delays for elective and some urgent surgery. The recovery of elective surgery in the NHS depends not only on the needs to address the back log of patients now requiring treatment but also the recognition that many patients remain increasingly reluctant to come into hospital.

It is therefore essential to rapidly develop provision for elective and urgent surgery via efficient day case pathways:

- To tackle expanding waiting lists
- To reduce the secondary impact of Covid-19 relating to morbidity associated with delayed surgery
- To provide an environment and pathway which enables patients to attend with confidence.
- To meet patient preference for day surgery over inpatient care.

As elective surgery resumes performing as many procedures as possible as a day case has never been more vital. Cold site surgery should be considered, ideally within a dedicated unit as part of an acute hospital site, and ensure that properly designed units are protected from surges in emergency care admissions. We will hear from Senior Charge Nurse Catherine Jack, about Queen Margaret Hospital "Cold site" Day Surgery Unit experience.

As the principles of ambulatory care are changing we have the National Lead for the Surgical Ambulatory Emergency Care Network and Chairman of the Surgical Same Day Emergency Care (SDEC) group, Mr Arin Saha, speaking on SDEC and discussing how it has been affected by Covid-19. The president of the International Association of ambulatory surgery, Professor Doug McWhinnie, will be discussing the "New Normal" for day surgery pathways following Covid-19.

We will also hear about GIRFT data in the day case setting. The GIRFT programme has recognised the importance of day surgery. The GIRFT general surgery report acknowledges there are opportunities to learn from centres where the use of day case surgery for less complex procedures is most common. Within the Anaesthetic and Peri-operative medicine work stream GIRFT look at procedures from the BADS Directory of procedures which appear to have wide variations in successful day case rates. By tackling variations in the way services are delivered across the NHS, and by sharing best practice between trusts, GIRFT identifies changes that will help improve care and patient outcomes, as well as delivering efficiencies such as the reduction of unnecessary procedures and cost savings.

There will be an opportunity for discussion with the speakers, experts from BADS and participants from across the UK which will be of interest to those with medical and nursing backgrounds.

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## 10.00 Chair (am) Introduction

**David Bunting** *Consultant Upper GI Surgeon North Devon District Hospital and Council Member The British Association of Day Surgery (BADS)*

## 10.05 The Day Surgery Pathway & Patient Selection

**Dr Kim Russon**

*Consultant Anaesthetist The Rotherham NHS FT and  
President The British Association of Day Surgery (BADS)*

- key elements of a day surgery pathway
- patient suitability for day surgery
- planning for successful day surgery

## 10.35 Covid-19 & The “New Normal” for Day Surgery Pathway

**Speaker to be announced**

- Covid-19 time-line and impact on surgery
- changes in patient & procedure selection
- importance of shared decision making
- changes to the pathway

11.05 Questions and Answers, followed by Comfort Break and Virtual Networking

## 11.25 Surgical Same Day Emergency Surgery (SDEC)

- what is Surgical Same Day Emergency Surgery (SDEC)
- how has Covid-19 changed surgical SDEC
- how can the surgical flow from ED be improved
- 111 Pilot

## 11.45 Anaesthetic Involvement in Day Surgery

- processes and importance of anesthetic involvement
- how anaesthetists influence the pathway
- successfully working models

## 12.15

- setting up a dedicated Cold Site Unit for elective surgery
- what you can do depends on what you have
- our working cold elective pathway

12.35 Questions and Answers, followed by Lunch Break and Virtual Networking

## 13.20 Chair (pm)

**Vanessa Cubas** *Council Member BADS*

## 13.20 GIRFT London Recovery of Elective General Surgery Programme

**Graham Lomax**

*Deputy National Delivery Director  
Getting it Right First Time (GIRFT)*

- GIRFT national programme to address variation in day case
- London recovery of elective surgery programme
- the proposed general surgery pathways
- the importance of clinical & managerial engagement

## 13.40 Elective Restart: Turning Challenges into Opportunities: The Croydon Experience

**Speaker to be announced**

- achieving more than 100% activity compared to 2019
- the importance of default to day surgery
- the benefits of a protected green site/ pathway

## 14.00 Keeping Day Surgery Going Using a “Cold Site”

**Speaker to be announced**

- continuing general surgery during the second surge
- the benefits of having your CEO support
- looking after staff wellbeing

14.30 Questions and Answers, followed by Comfort Break and Virtual Networking

## 14.50 Ambulatory Urgent Cholecystectomy and the Covid-19 Pandemic

**David Bunting**

*Consultant Upper GI Surgeon North Devon District Hospital  
and Council Member The British Association of Day Surgery (BADS)*

- how to establish and maintain a daycase ‘Hot-Gallbladder’ Service

## 15.20 Fundoplication and anti-reflux surgery during Covid-19

**Speaker to be announced**

- how to establish a successful laparoscopic fundoplication day case list
- the challenges posed by Covid-19
- patient selection
- practical tips and the Heart of England FT experience

15.50 Questions and Answers, followed by Closing Remarks by Chair

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