

# Standard Operating Procedure

<b>SOP ID</b>	General Surgery Reconfiguration Pilot – Teams in Cheltenham General Hospital (CGH) Accessing Surgical Opinion
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<b>Directorate</b>	Surgical

## 1. Introduction

From 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019, the Trust will be piloting the reconfiguration of General (GI) Surgery. GI Surgery is an overarching term for upper gastrointestinal (UGI) surgery and colorectal surgery, for both planned and emergency patients.

- Emergency GI Surgery and complex planned GI surgery will be centralised at GRH.
- Increased provision of day case upper GI and colorectal surgery at CGH.

This document details how teams in CGH can access surgical opinion for inpatients both in and out-of-hours. For the purposes of this document:

- 'In Hours' is **08:00 – 20:00**
- 'Out of Hours' is **20:00 – 08:00**

## 2. Responsibility

It is the responsibility of all CGH staff including Nursing, Medical and Allied Health Professionals to follow this SOP in accordance with the Trust Escalation Policy and Corporate Strategy.

It is the responsibility of all staff *contacting* the General Surgery (GI) Team and for the General Surgery (GI) Team, to follow this SOP to ensure that patients are managed effectively.

### 3. Accessing Surgical Opinion for Inpatients – In and Out of Hours

