

# POPS – Driver Diagram

## Aim/Outcome

Improve outcomes and reduce variations in care for acute laparotomy and peripheral vascular patients within 1 year of commencing the project.

## Measures

1. Reduction in time to surgery in particular peripheral vascular surgery patients .
2. Reduction in minor & major complications.
3. Return to theatre.
4. Reduce re-admission rates.
5. **Reduce LOS.**

## Primary Drivers

Establish a dedicated POPS team to review potential patients for acute surgery.

### Pre-operatively

1. Identify acute surgical patients early
2. Create a POPS Pathway to highlight core considerations in optimising patients medical conditions

### Post-operatively

1. Emergency laparotomy NELA Pathway for general surgical patients.
2. Perioperative peripheral vascular pathway (standard/enhanced) for Vascular patients

## Secondary Drivers

Education & training of ward nurses and junior doctors

Post-operative daily review of patients

Daily POPS board round

?? Geriatrician run clinic.

Daily evening handover with POPS team and CCOT

Data Collection & review at 6-months

## Change ideas

Accepting and encouraging GP referrals?

Encourage MDT to refer & patients to self refer?

Identify frail and patients with poor nutrition early - referral to services early

Checklist for junior doctors to ensure appropriate investigations are done prior to POPS review