

RESUSCITATION POLICY PATHWAY

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The Emergency Team response

Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust operates a 'Patient at Risk (PAR)' scoring system, established and maintained by the hospital 'Outreach' service, for the recognition of critically unwell patients. The aim is to prevent avoidable deterioration and cardiopulmonary arrest

Sick or deteriorating patients should receive appropriate escalation in care as detailed in the Recognising and Responding to Early Signs of Deterioration in Hospital Patients policy (WAHT-CRI-016).

A 'medical emergency team' is available at all main Trust sites and can be summoned whenever their assistance has been thought necessary using the NHS standard emergency number '2222'. The caller must communicate the location and type of the emergency to the switchboard operator.

- For adult patients state ***medical emergency***
- For paediatric patients state ***paediatric medical emergency***
- For neonates state ***neonatal emergency***.

All designated 'crash' bleeps will be alerted simultaneously by the switchboard operator via a speech channel. Each member of the medical emergency team must respond as urgently as possible whilst maintaining patient safety. The speech channel will be tested at each site as detailed in the site response protocols (appendix A).

Composition of the Medical Emergency Team

The composition of the respective medical emergency teams for each site is detailed within Appendix A.