

## RESUSCITATION POLICY PATHWAY

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#### Post-resuscitation care

Following any emergency call appropriate post-resuscitation care must be provided. The nature of this care will be either :

- The patient remains in their current location with the necessary observation and level of care deemed appropriate for their clinical condition and prognosis.
- The patient requires urgent transfer to an on-site high care facility (ie : ICCU, CCU, HDU , A&E).
- The patient requires urgent transfer to an off-site facility (ie : WRH from Kidderminster site).
- The patient has died.

In each situation communication with specialist staff will be necessary. All patients admitted to on-site high care facilities must be formally referred to the appropriate specialist team.

A full and complete handover of care must occur before a patient is left in the care of any new parent specialist team.

On-site transfers of critically sick patients must be organised and efficient. Consideration of appropriate transfer equipment including monitors and treatment equipment (e.g. oxygen cylinders) must be made by the team leader. The patient should be accompanied by appropriately skilled staff relevant to the patient's condition.

Where a transfer off-site is required, direct liaison with the ambulance service will be necessary to ensure all staff (including paramedics) are aware of the patient's requirements. It is vital that direct contact is made with the receiving hospital to ensure the patient is expected and that the transferring team know where they are going

For patients being transferred from Kidderminster site to Worcester site refer to the specific emergency transfer guidelines (see references).

Staff must endeavour to keep the patient's relatives aware of transfers