

EHSCP District Nursing Escalation Tool
If concerned about a patient regardless of NEWS Score - ESCALATE

Total 0
Carry out routine observations minimum 12 weekly
OR
At each visit if the patient's routine visits are out with this timeframe

Total 1 - 4
Observations WITHIN patient's normal parameters
• Carry out routine observations minimum 4 weekly
Observations OUT WITH normal parameters
• Refer to DN to assess patient
• DN to decide if increased frequency of monitoring is required

Total 5 - 6 or 3 in one parameter
Observations WITHIN patient's normal parameters
• Carry out routine observations minimum weekly
Observations OUT WITH normal parameters
• Escalate to DN and GP / OOH
• Increased frequency of monitoring required DAILY
• Daily liaison with GP

Total 7 or more
Observations WITHIN patient's normal parameters
• Carry out routine observations at each visit
Observations OUT WITH normal parameters
• Dial 999
• Inform DN and GP / OOH

• Consider alternatives to admission - ANP/Intermediate Care/Hub Therapist/Emergency Social Work
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