**Frequently asked questions – stabilisation of the critically ill child**

**We don’t have critical care on site, should we still be participating in the study?**

Yes, we are looking at stabilisation care provided to patients in hospital outside of the critical care environment. The locations of stabilisation care could include (but is not limited to) the emergency department, assessment units, paediatric, other specialist or general wards, or theatre. All acute hospital providers where patients might be admitted, regardless of whether or not there is critical care on site, should participate in the study.

**Do all five of the patient identification criteria need to be met for the patient to be included in the study?**

* Admitted to critical care (level 2 (PHDU/HDU) or level 3 (PICU/ICU) care)
* Seen in the Emergency Department and have one of the included SNOMED CT or OPCS codes (listed below):
* Transferred to another hospital
* Discussed with a critical care/paediatric transport/retrieval team during stabilisation
* Transferred by a critical care/paediatric transport/retrieval team

No – as long as one of the criteria are met, the patient would potentially be included in the study and should be included on the patient identification spreadsheet.

**Why are you asking for the details of all patients transferred out?**

We need to identify patients who were transferred from one hospital into critical care at another. From our initial scoping, we know that many organisations do not record the destination ward.

* If your organisation **does** record the transfer location, please include **only** patients transferred into critical care.
* If the transfer location is **not** recorded, please include **all** patient transfers. We will map these against data from other organisations to identify critical care transfers.

**Are patients admitted to adult critical care included in the study?**

Yes, if a patient is admitted to adult critical care, please include them on the patient identification spreadsheet.

**If a patient was not admitted to critical care, are they still included?**

Yes, as long as they meet one of the other study criteria (was seen in the emergency department and underwent one of the included procedures/interventions or were discussed with critical care) they will be included in the study.

**Are patients aged 16 – 18th birthday included?**

We are including patients aged between 16-18th birthday on the patient identification spreadsheet. They will not be sampled for inclusion in the clinical peer review process.

**Are specialist critical care units (i.e. cardiac intensive care) included?**

Yes, please include the details of patients admitted to specialist critical care units on the patient identification spreadsheet.

**Are you including patients who have a planned admission to critical care following surgery?**

No, please don’t include these patients on the patient identification spreadsheet.

**Are you including patients who have been discharged/transferred from the emergency department (ED) to another hospital if those patients were not coded with one of the included SNOMED/OPCS codes whilst in the ED?**

No, as these patients are unlikely to have been stabilised.

**Are you including maternity patients in the study?**

No. If you identify the details of a mother who was admitted to critical care following delivery, please do not include them on the patient identification spreadsheet.