

## RESUSCITATION POLICY

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<b>Target Organisation(s)</b>	Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust	
<b>Target Departments</b>	All departments	
<b>Target staff categories</b>	All staff	

### The Emergency Team response

Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust operates the 'National Early Warning Score (NEWS2)' and 'Paediatric Early Warning Score (PEWS) scoring system. The aim is to prevent avoidable deterioration and cardiopulmonary arrest.

Critically ill and deteriorating patients will receive appropriate escalation in care as detailed in the Recognising and Responding to Early Signs of Deterioration in Hospital Patients policy using NEWS/PEWS (WAHT-CRI-016).

A 'medical emergency team' is available at all Trust sites and can be summoned whenever their assistance has been thought necessary using the NHS standard emergency number '2222'. If in any doubt, help should be summoned immediately – a low threshold for activating a 2222 call is encouraged. The caller must communicate the location and type of the emergency to the switchboard operator.

Specialist emergency teams are available where such in-patient services are maintained (ie; paediatrics and obstetrics at Worcestershire Royal Hospital).

Where specialist in-patients are not accommodated, a generic emergency team will respond whenever called.

Emergency team responders will be alerted via a switchboard activated bleep. All designated bleeps will be alerted simultaneously by the switchboard operator via a speech channel. Each member of the relevant 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.