

Resuscitation policy appendix A 4

Medical Emergency Response Protocol

WAHT units operating at other NHS sites

Statement of function :

Partner NHS organisations have agreed plans for the management of clinical emergencies on site. WAHT services that operate at these sites (where WAHT is not the lead organisation) will participate in those plans sharing response and support as appropriate.

Hours of operation and access :

Department managers must ensure the lead organisation (co-ordinating site emergency response) are aware of the operational hours of the unit and the access arrangements.

Workflow :

In the event of medical emergency or cardiac arrest staff should provide emergency care or initiate basic life support measures as appropriate. Help should be obtained as soon as possible following the agreed site plan - this may be via 2222 call, radio message or 999 ambulance.

Equipment :

Access to appropriate emergency equipment must be maintained in all clinical areas. The exact type and format of equipment must be agreed with the Resuscitation Departments of both WAHT and the lead NHS organisation providing emergency support.

Staff training :

Training standards are detailed in the Trust Resuscitation Policy. As a minimum, clinical staff will be trained to Resuscitation Level 2 (via mandatory training or induction), as with all other clinical areas.

Specific local orientation must include the details of calling for help and emergency response for that department and site.

Audit :

All 'medical emergency' calls are subject to audit. Emergency calls must be specifically reported to the WAHT Resuscitation Department for review.