The External Transfer of Adult Patients to another hospital

- Level 2 and Level 3 Critical care patients
- And Patients with:

**Airway:**
- Fluctuating conscious level or sedated

**Breathing:**
- Invasive/Non Invasive Ventilation
- Oxygen requirements above 40%
- Chest Drain Insitu
- Artificial airway i.e tracheostomy

**Circulation:**
- EWSS 3 or above
- Cardiac Monitoring in situ
- Cardiovascularly unstable i.e. hypotension

**Other:**
- Infusions via pump that require titration/monitoring including blood transfusion
- Sectioned under the Mental Health Act

**Patient:**
- Behaviour: Disorientated, confused, aggressive
- Requires 2 or more to help change position
- Receiving continuous oxygen (24-40%) and stable
- Wound drains
- Infusions which do not require titration/monitoring and not administered via a pump

**Patient:**
- Mobile and orientated
- Can change own position
- No interventions are required or are normally self administered

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**IMPORTANT NOTES**

- This document has been produced as a guide for staff, is not exhaustive, and does not replace clinical judgement. However any departure from the basic guidance given above must be documented in the patient record with clear rationale for the decision (includes if no RN or doctor available to transfer)

- The Registered nurse responsible for the care of the patient must assess the patient's physical and mental health to determine if an escort is required and if so who should undertake this role.

- It is the nurse's responsibility to ensure that all appropriate documentation accompanies the patient.