

## Network Guidance for Capacity Escalation (if demand for Critical Care Exceeds Supply)

Patient caseload threatens to exceed bed base on critical care due to one or more of:

- Patient numbers/dependency greater than unit can care for
- Insufficient equipment to meet the clinical demands

Exhaust all internal solutions to deliver physical capacity/staff/equipment. This needs to include an assessment of whether some elective surgery should be stopped to release space or staff. Liase with Site Mangement team to ensure ward discharges out of hospital are escalated.

Refer to the document 'SWCCN Principles of Capacity Transfer'

Review the potential for neighnouring units to accept capacity transfers using Directory of Services (DoS)

[www.directoryofservices.nhs.uk] or NCDR portal [https://ncdr.ardengemcsu.nhs.uk]. Contact local units to agree transfer feasibility.

Ensure agreement from executives in the sending and receiving organisations.

Difficulty resolved?

Complete local Trust incident form

## Contact any of the following:

## IN HOURS:

SWCCN Manager (Graham Brant) 07453 6639999 SWCCN Clinical Director (Andy Georgiou) 07813 081344 SWCCN Peninsula Sub-Lead (David Cain) 07790 327635 SWCCN Wessex Sub-Lead (Martin Schuster Bruce) 07968 070251

## NHSE/I OUT OF HOURS ON CALL:

Severn NHSE on call manager South West North - 0303 033 8833 (BNSSG, BGSW)

Peninsula NHSEon call manager South West South - 0303 033 5533 (DCIOS, Dorset and Somerset)

If unresolved, the individual above should refer to the Adult Critical Care Escalation Framework:

**In hours -** SWCCN or ART in extremis CRITCON 3-4

Out of hours - NHSE on call