

Subject: PIC surge call - update

Regional on call manager number

0191 430 2453 (back up 0191 430 2498) – ask for regional specialised commissioning on call manager.

NHS England Specialised Commissioning Manger this weekend is Lesley Patel.

Dear all

Please review the notes below and let me know if there are any amendments. I will send details separately of regional call on Monday or let you know if this will be a national call.

North Region Update

Yorkshire and Humber

- Sheffield have 8 beds, which is reduced capacity from 9, due to staffing issues. They are not undertaking elective surgery. They expect to be back up to 9 bed capacity later today.
- Leeds also have staffing issues and are down from 12-10 beds – this is unlikely to change over the weekend. There is a potential discharge tomorrow. No elective surgery has taken place today
- There are 2 patients pending –
 - 1 patient from Chesterfield who potentially can go to Sheffield, if a patient can move to Chesterfield from Sheffield. The patient requires high flow – and so is not able to move to any HDU unit. Derby and Doncaster will be approached for capacity to take if needed to free up a bed.
 - 1 other child is pending – no bed identified
- There is 1 other child on route to a bed in Newcastle
- 1 child (15 years old) remains on an adult ICU and will not now be transferred to a PIC

North West

- No pending patients
- DGH is managing with a long term ventilated patient, with PIC support and seems to be settling
- Alder Hey have 17 beds open and have accepted 3 transfers from cardiac and 1 from another unit. Do expect some movement - have

had short term staff sickness today so would expect to open 1 – 2 more beds over the weekend.

- Alder Hey are recruiting more nurses and expect to be at full capacity for 21 commissioned beds by mid-January
- Manchester – full at moment – short term staffing issues but should be able to open to full 15 beds later this evening. There are 14 beds open on HDU – 1 more will ICU open over weekend. 1 potential discharge this afternoon.

North East:

- No elective surgery has taken place – RVI is currently full
- Freeman has 8 patients and 1 bed available – though referral coming from SCBU
- James Cook has 6 patients and are expecting 2 discharges later today – level 2 beds.

Actions:

- Although there is some capacity expected to be freed up later today, consensus was that there would expect to be more referrals later today and therefore as a region we are at **CRITCON 2**
- Penny to confirm national bed position and CRITCON status with national lead
- Depending on outcome of that to organise a regional or national call on Monday to review situation
- No calls arranged over the weekend but to escalate to on call manager if situation deteriorates to activate a call.