



SPSP Acute Adult Programme Deteriorating Patient Change Package 2023

Extended version with resources

Background

This publication is the latest version of the Scottish Patient Safety Programme (SPSP) Deteriorating Patient change package, first published in 2021. This update has drawn on the latest evidence and guidance including [SIGN 167 Care of Deteriorating Patients guideline](#) (June 23). The change package provides an evidence-informed resource to support teams with improvement in the early recognition and structured response to patient deterioration.

Overview

The [main driver diagram](#) page includes a National aim, Primary Drivers and Secondary Drivers. Each **primary driver** is broken down to include **secondary drivers** and associated **change ideas**. **Evidence, guidelines, tools, and resources** are included for each secondary driver.

Additional resources available on our [website](#):

- Shorter version without tools and resources
- Accessible version with tools and resources
- Measurement framework

This is an interactive document.

Clicking the **home icon**  will return you to the main driver diagram.

Clicking the **arrow icon**  will return you to the primary driver associated with that section.

Deteriorating Patient Driver Diagram 2023

What are we trying to achieve...

We need to ensure...

Which requires...

A reduction in
Cardiopulmonary
Resuscitation rate,
in acute care, by
March 2024

Person-centred care

Shared decision making*

Person centred care planning

Future care planning

Treatment escalation planning

Recognition of acute
deterioration

Use of NEWS2 and clinical judgement

Action on patient, family, or carer concern

Identification of people at higher risk of deterioration

Standardised, structured
response and review

A structured response to deterioration

Senior clinical decision maker review

Regular review and reassessment

Safe communication within
and between teams*

Interdisciplinary teamwork and collaboration

Safe transitions in care

Psychological safety to support escalation of concerns

Leadership to support a
culture of high quality care
and patient safety*

Visible leadership at all levels

Safe staffing* and resources to enable delivery of safe care

System for learning* to support continuous improvement

Staff wellbeing

**Essentials of Safe Care*

Primary Driver

Person centred care



Secondary drivers

Change ideas

Shared decision making (SDM)

Use of 'what matters to you' approach to plan and deliver care

A shared decision-making approach is used for all care discussions

Early involvement of those close to the person including care partners, families, Power of Attorney/Guardians

Process for engaging current specialist and community teams involved in the person's care

Reliable SDM is supported by health literacy tools, a range of communication aids and independent patient advocacy

Person centred care planning

Existing complex care plans, e.g. patient passports, used to inform acute care planning

Early understanding of person's usual baseline, and presentation when unwell/deteriorating

Care planning includes clinicians, carers and teams who have expertise about a person's needs

Post-acute illness follow-up conversations with recovering patients, their family, and carers

Person centred discussions consider cultural or other diverse needs

Future Care Planning

Care teams access future care plan e.g. digital ReSPECT on admission and other interfaces

Use of framework to support discussions e.g. REDMAP

Iterative planning in acute setting informs updates to future care plan during hospital stay and at discharge

Information available to support people creating new Future Care Plans in acute care

Use of citizen-facing technology to support person held care plans e.g. via the Digital Front Door

Treatment escalation planning (TEP)

Locally agreed criteria for completion of person centred TEP

Locally agreed processes for future care plans to inform, and be informed by, TEP discussions

Processes support timely person centred planning by person's own care team to guide decision making out of hours

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Evidence and Guidelines:

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- Pel-Littel et al. [Barriers and facilitators for shared decision making in older patients with multiple chronic conditions: a systematic review](#). BMC Geriatr. 2021;21:112.
- Realistic Medicine. [What Realistic Medicine is and what it isn't](#). 2024.

Tools and Resources:

- Scottish Government. [Realistic Medicine – National toolkit for professionals](#). 2024.
- Healthcare Improvement Scotland. [What matters to you?](#) 2021.
- NHS Education for Scotland (NES). [Think capacity think consent. Supporting application of the Adults with Incapacity \(Scotland\) Act \(2000\) in Acute General Hospitals](#). 2017.
- NHS Education for Scotland (NES). [Shared Decision Making](#). 2022.
- NHS Inform. [Communication and involving you](#). 2023.

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Tools and Resources:

- NHS Education for Scotland (NES). [Equality and Diversity zone](#).
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- Scottish Government. [Digital Health and Care Strategy](#). 2021.
- Supportive and Palliative Care Indicators Tool (SPICT). [REDMAP framework](#). 2023.

Tools and Resources:

- NHS Inform. [Future Care Planning](#). 2024.
- Resuscitation Council UK. [ReSPECT](#).
- NHS Education for Scotland (NES). [Anticipatory Care Planning \(REDMAP\)](#). 2022.

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Tools and Resources:

- NHS Education for Scotland (NES). [Treatment Escalation Planning \(TEP\) REDMAP Masterclass Toolkit](#). 2022.

Primary Diver

Recognition of acute deterioration



Secondary Driver

Change ideas

Use of NEWS2 and clinical judgement

Timely and reliable use of NEWS2 to identify physical deterioration

Use of clinical judgement to identify physical deterioration

NEWS2 parameters adjusted to reflect individual physiological baseline

Assessment recognises variation in presentation, e.g. considerations of ethnicity in pulse oximetry, deterioration in optimal posture

Action on patient, family or carer concern

Locally agreed process for patients, families and carers to raise concerns about acute deterioration

Patient, family and carer view of illness and concerns consistently sought e.g. asking 'how well are you feeling compared to the last time we asked you?'

Locally agreed process for staff to document and escalate concerns raised by patients, families and carers

Process to reliably provide feedback to the person who raised concern

Identification of people at higher risk of deterioration

Proactive identification of presentations at higher risk of deterioration e.g. sepsis

Process to identify people with significant co-morbidities, frailty or complex care needs at higher risk of deterioration

Identify people on a deteriorating health trajectory with an advanced condition who may benefit from earlier care planning discussions e.g. SPICT tool

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- National Institute for Health and Care Excellence. [National Early Warning Score systems that alert to deteriorating adult patients in hospital](#).
- Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network. [SIGN 167 Care of deteriorating patients. A national clinical guideline](#).
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Tools and Resources:

- NHS Education for Scotland (NES). [National early warning score \(NEWS\) in NHS Scotland](#). 2021.

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Tools and Resources:

- NHS Inform. [Communication and involving you](#). 2023.
- Patient Safety Commissioner. [Martha's Rule working group holds first meeting](#). 2024.

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Tools and Resources:

- Healthcare Improvement Scotland [SPSP Acute Adult Programme Sepsis Change Package](#). 2023

Primary Driver

Standardised, structured response and review



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Secondary drivers

Change ideas

A structured response to deterioration

Locally agreed standardised approach to structured response to deterioration

Structured response aligns with patient wishes included in TEP and Future Care Plan

Locally agreed process for contacting next of kin or identified key contact at point of deterioration

Effective use of system-wide escalation capacity e.g. outreach team, electronic NEWS2 and decision support

Senior clinical decision maker review

Local escalation processes enable early involvement of a senior clinical decision maker

Locally agreed process for critical care review

Timely first Consultant review within 14hrs of hospital admission and daily thereafter

Local escalation processes include who to contact during specific time periods e.g. day shift, evening, night shift

Regular review and reassessment

Reassessment criteria documented as part of the management plan, including who to contact

Review working diagnosis and treatment goals at every reassessment

Patients, families, and carers are given advice to support identification of further deterioration using agreed communication method



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- NHS Education for Scotland (NES). [Recognising and responding when a person is deteriorating](#). 2022.

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Primary Driver

Safe communication within and between teams



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Secondary drivers

Change ideas

Interdisciplinary teamwork and collaboration

Clarity of team roles and responsibilities in acute deterioration

Handovers highlight high acuity patients at risk of deterioration

Multidisciplinary structured ward rounds

Local process to identify deteriorating patients within a clinical area and hospital wide e.g. at safety huddles, and team briefs

Local induction processes for all staff include introduction to MDT and local handover tools

Safe transitions in care

Structured handovers within and between teams e.g. use of SBAR

Including future care plan and/or TEP in all communication between teams

Local process for safe transfer of care of deteriorating patients

Patient, family and carers are included handovers e.g. bedside handovers in partnership with patients

Patient placement decisions informed by clinical condition and level of care

Psychological safety to support escalation of concerns

Processes to support a culture which supports staff and students to raise concerns

Process for managers at all levels to effectively recognise and respond to patient safety concerns

Promotion of Speak Up advocates and ambassadors to encourage staff to raise concerns

Structured process for multidisciplinary hot and cold debriefs

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Tools and Resources:

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Tools and Resources:

- Healthcare Improvement Scotland. [Maternity and Children Quality Improvement Collaborative \(MCQIC\), Safety Culture Webinar Series. Theme: Psychological Safety](#). 2022.
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Primary Driver:

Leadership to support a culture of high quality care and patient safety



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Secondary drivers

Change ideas

Visible leadership at all levels

Conduct and share learning from leadership walkrounds

Access to clinical and improvement leadership time e.g. deteriorating patient lead

Opportunity for senior leaders to review deteriorating patient related data and trends

Deteriorating patient improvement priorities align with organisational priorities

Improvement team includes clinical and QI expertise e.g. resus and QI colleagues

Safe staffing* and resources to enable delivery of safe care

Identify and mitigate staffing needs using real time staffing tools, including acuity assessment

Process to escalate staffing shortfalls

Education and induction includes local processes for structured response to deterioration

Identify and mitigate time periods where escalation response is less reliable

System for learning* to support continuous improvement

Develop reliable data collection process e.g. through process mapping

Share, and act on reliable data and learning between teams, hospitals, and boards

Identify and share learning through existing processes e.g. MDT morbidity and mortality meetings

Forums for staff, patients, and carers to identify areas for improvement

Education and simulation to support improvement in communication and technical skills

Staff wellbeing

Use of effective health and wellbeing conversations to identify and mitigate risks to wellbeing

Prioritise civility through communication and teamwork, e.g. use of TeamSTEPPS

Support job satisfaction through evidence based interventions e.g., Professional Identity Development Programme

Access to senior support and discussion for all staff, e.g. through clinical supervision

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Tools and Resources:

- Institute for Healthcare Improvement. [Leading a Culture of Safety: A Blueprint for Success](#). 2017
- NHS Education for Scotland. [Safety Culture Discussion Cards](#). 2018.
- The King's Fund. [The practice of collaborative leadership: Across health and care services](#). 2023.

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Tools and Resources:

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Tools and Resources:

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Staff wellbeing

Use of effective health and wellbeing conversations to identify and mitigate risks to wellbeing

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Support job satisfaction through evidence based interventions e.g., Professional Identity Development Programme

Access to senior support and discussion for all staff, e.g. through clinical supervision

Evidence and Guidelines:

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Tools and Resources:

- Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. [Team STEPPS. Team Strategies & Tools to Enhance Performance & Patient Safety.](#)
- Healthcare Improvement Scotland. [The Essentials of Safe Care: Staff Wellbeing.](#)
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- NHS Education for Scotland (NES). [Staff Wellbeing Resources.](#)
- NHS Employers. [Health and wellbeing conversations.](#)

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