

National Early Warning Score (NEWS2)

Clinical Response for patients in an Ambulance Care setting

Triggers- NEWS2 is an adjunct to Clinical decision making but not a replacement for Clinical Judgement

NEWS2 Score	Clinical response
0-1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Likely suitable for discharge with careful safety-netting advice.
2-4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generally, these scores will be discussed with a GP or out of hours clinician. These patients are usually lower risk unless the score is increasing on repeated measures. Urgent transfer to hospital is not usually required.
3 in one parameter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A score of 3 in one parameter is unusual – consider potential causes of extreme variation in pulse rate, systolic blood pressure, respiratory rate, temperature or oxygen saturations. Discuss with a clinician to decide if further clinical evaluation is needed.
5 or more	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider a pre-alert and blue-light transfer to hospital. These patients are at high risk of clinical deterioration (unless the score is known to always be elevated due to chronic disease, in a patient who is otherwise stable). Urgent medical assessment is recommended for all other patients. Consider sepsis, especially in patients at high risk of sepsis.
7 or more	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activates a pre-alert and blue-light transfer to hospital. These patients are at very high risk of clinical deterioration. Consider sepsis, especially in patients at high risk of sepsis. Emergency transfer to an acute hospital for assessment and treatment is recommended.