

National Early Warning Score (NEWS2)

Clinical Response for patients in a Primary Care or Community Care setting

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

NEWS2 Score	Clinical response
1–4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This score is usually associated with lower risk • Decide whether further clinical review of the patient and assessment of the score is needed • A reducing score can be a helpful indicator of clinical response to treatment and improvement
3 in one parameter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A score of 3 in one parameter is unusual – consider causes of isolated changes in heart rate, respiratory rate, systolic BP, temperature oxygen saturations • If concerned discuss with the medical team at local hospital
5 or more	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider the possibility of sepsis • Patients with a score of 5 or more are at higher risk of clinical deterioration • Unless the score for this patient is known to be chronically elevated due to comorbid disease, consider referring this patient to hospital for an urgent assessment of the cause for this significant physiological disturbance
7 or more	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This indicates severe physiological disturbance and the patient is at very high risk of acute clinical deterioration • Arrange immediate transfer to an acute hospital