



Welcome to the Christmas Critical Care Transfer Forum Newsletter. The aim of the newsletter is to keep you up to date with anything Critical Care Transfer related and at the present time we have quite a lot to tell you.

## Interim ADULT Critical Care Transfer

The Adult Critical Care Transfer Service is an interim service that is available for the next few months. There is only one ambulance covering all of Yorkshire, therefore it may not always be possible to be able to book.

This is for non time-critical transfers only

The service is available 7 days a week from 10.00 - 22.00  
To contact NECTAR phone 01912826699



The team at NECTAR are available 24/7 to discuss referrals, therefore if you have a patient who will need transferring the following day, let them know as it helps inform decisions around prioritisation.

## STRIKE DAYS

During the Ambulance Service strikes, it is anticipated there will be long delays for interfacility transfers including those patients requiring urgent and emergency care. At this moment in time it unclear what impact this will have on critical care. NECTAR are increasing staffing on strike days and will help where possible, they will prioritise the most urgent cases. Further information will be shared with unit leads as and when available.

## SYBCCODN Critical Care Transfer Forms

We are getting feedback at the Network that forms are not always being used correctly and may not be readily available in your department.

A form **MUST** be completed for every Level 2 or Level 3 Inter-hospital transfer **INCLUDING** those patients being transferred between NGH ED and RHH

The form is triple carbonated, the top (White) copy to be placed in patient record in receiving unit, Middle (Pink) copy to be returned to SYBCCODN office for audit purposes, bottom (Yellow) copy to be retained by the transferring unit and placed in patient records.

The Network will be auditing the forms early in the new year against YAS data which we will share with you in the future.





## YORKSHIRE AMBULANCE SERVICE UPDATE



### Dr Emma Temple , Chair SYB Transfer Forum

Emma is a consultant in Neuroanaesthesia and Critical Care at Sheffield Teaching Hospitals (STH). Following graduation from Cambridge University in 2007, Emma completed fellowships in Critical Care at Liverpool Hospital, Sydney (Australia) and Neuroanaesthesia at STH. Emma also has an interest in Transfer Medicine and has recently accepted the chair of the South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Critical Care Network Transfer Forum.

More information can be found on the SYB Critical Care Network website [www.sybccodn.org](http://www.sybccodn.org)

The Ambulance services country wide are in difficulty for a multitude of reasons. This is going to affect our critical care Inter Facility Transfers (IFTs). We politely ask:

- Please DO NOT request a paramedic team for an IFT as the nurse/ ODP and doctor will be providing the medical care. You only require a YAS ambulance and someone who can drive it.
- Please only request a 'P2' (18-40 minute response) for genuinely time critical transfers.
- If you have requested a time critical transfer and there are ambulance delays, please call the Ambulance Service to alert them to the time critical nature of the call as they may be able to re-triage/ escalate
- If you believe that a patient in your care has suffered as a result of an ambulance delay, please fill out a Datix and make the Transfer Representative in your trust aware of the delay.

## NEURO Transfer Checklist

There is a new Neuro transfer checklists/ information sheets available designed to provide all the information necessary to safely transfer a time critical patient with a **Neurological Injury**. Please ensure these are printed and available in your department. They can be downloaded from the network website: [Useful Transfer Resources - SYBCCN.ORG](http://Useful Transfer Resources - SYBCCN.ORG)

These should be IN CONJUNCTION with the A3 SYBCCODN transfer

**Coming soon.....**

**Dates for next years Transfer Training**

*The Critical Care Network Team would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and New Year*

