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Guidance on the Transfer of the Critically Ill Adult

The [Intensive Care Society \(ICS\)](#) and [Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine \(FICM\)](#) are delighted to launch updated '[Guidance on the Transfer of the Critically Ill Adult](#)'. This guidance offers an important framework for the multidisciplinary teams across the country who are integral to the safe transfer of the UK's most critically ill patients.

Chair of the Society's Standards Division, Dr Stephen Webb said "the launch of these guidelines is an important step for the critical care community. It helps us to maintain the highest standards of care and uphold patient safety."

These published guidelines also support the recommendations made by the Healthcare Safety Investigation Branch (HSIB) [report on the Transfer of Critically Ill Adults](#) earlier this year, by providing a current and robust framework for the whole MDT to work from.

Deputy Chair of the Society's Standards Division, Dr Paul Dean said "this guidance is the go-to reference for staff as they prepare for and deliver the transfer of acutely unwell patients."

Our expert writing group led by Dr Simon Whiteley have developed this guidance with patients, peers and the most up-to-date evidence based practice in mind.

Dean of the Faculty, Dr Carl Waldmann said "Transferring critically ill patients who may be suffering with several problems requiring multi organ support requires exceptional planning and requires the staff to be highly trained. The FICM have worked with the ICS to ensure staff have received up to date guidance to meet this challenge."

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Notes to Editors

1. The [Intensive Care Society \(ICS\)](#) was founded in 1970 and to date, is the leading critical care association in the U.K. For the last 50 years the Society has provided support, education and guidance to ensure our members have the latest knowledge and tools to provide first class care to patients.
2. The Intensive Care Society has 3500 members made up of critical care multi-disciplinary professionals and continues to grow.
3. The Intensive Care Society's annual conference; [State of the Art](#), is the largest annual critical care conference in the UK. The conference brings together both delegates and speakers from around the world across three days.