

	BSUH Critical Care Recommendations	UK Phase	WHO Alert Level	Notes
0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Normal Clinical Activity 	UK1	5/6	Currently at WHO 5
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Normal Clinical Activity • Increase Training • Fit Testing • Review Plans • Procure supplies • Form 'wise person' panel • ET and Board to endorse ICU Triage plans using SOFA score and cancellation plans above • Plan for medical staff secondment • Plan for early opening of TAB as HDU • Finalise teaching programme for non-ICU staff 	UK2 : Flu Virus identified in UK UK wide Major Incident declared	Level 6: Pandemic Period Increased and sustained transmission in general population	WHO Alert 5 triggers 'Lead Time' with testing and preparation
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expansion Policy Activated • Plan for cancellation of booked critical care admissions • Plan for cancellation of Cardiac and/or Neuro Surgery • Plan for Paediatric ICU bed expansion • Urgent teaching refresher plans for Paediatric patients on General ICU and Flu Patients on Cardiac ICU • Business team and ET to liaise with PCTs over plans • Review HR implications for leave cancellation, financial reimbursement • Identify higher risk individual nursing and medical staff to reallocate to reduce individual risk eg pregnant staff • Optimise nursing staff numbers • Consider non-clinical transfers • Maintain usual nurse: patient ratios if possible 	UK3: Outbreaks in the UK	Level 6: Pandemic Period	NHS moves to Major Incident footing, cessation of trust activities & reducing service to core functions All patient triage decisions must be logged with the Emergency Control Centre

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation of agreed admission criteria 			
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expansion Capacity Reached Cancellation of all non-urgent surgery (including cancer surgery) Convert all critical care areas to L3 Triage plans in force Wise person team active Cohort index disease patients to a specific area eg all flu cases on cardiac ICU area or visa-versa Nurse: patient ratios according to NIC/CIC Continue use of admission criteria Avoid temptation to over reach ICU capacity 	UK4: Widespread activity with evidence that local cases are increasing	Level 6: Pandemic Period	<p>Cancellation of non-urgent surgery allows other clinical areas for cohorting flu patients away from standard ICU work.</p> <p>All patient triage decisions must be logged with the Emergency Control Centre</p>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Services depend on availability of staff, equipment and environment Continue use of admission criteria 	UK4: Widespread local activity	Level 6: Pandemic Period	<p>Service dependant on availability of staff and resources.</p> <p>All decisions on patient triage must be logged with the Emergency Control Centre</p>