

Joint pathway for children and young people < 18 years admitted to RSCH Critical Care Units (ITU)

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A person is legally a child until their 18th birthday

- Adolescents and young adults are still emotionally and cognitively developing and will likely still be living at home dependent on their parents.
- Child safeguarding and child death statutory processes must be followed
- The mental capacity act applies to children > 16 years old; assessment of 'Gillick' competence applies to children < 16 years.

