

Reference Number: FOI/2019/229
From: Commercial
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Subject: Hyperkalaemia Patient Safety Alert

Q1 Has a senior clinician in the Trust been appointed to lead the response to this alert?

If yes, please name the individual

If no, please specify the reason for the lack of appointment and anticipated timelines for an appointment to be made

A1 [Dr Ratnasingham](#)

Q2 Has the trust reviewed existing - or produced new - local guidance for the management of hyperkalaemia?

If yes, please share the relevant guidance and provide details of any changes made during the review

If no, please specify why this has not taken place and any future plans to do so

A2 [Local Guidance reviewed and in line with "Treatment of acute hyperkalaemia in adults" – produced by UK renal association 2014](#)

Q3 Has the trust taken steps to ensure that local guidance can be easily accessed by all staff?

If yes, please outline the specific measures taken

If no, please specify the reasons why not and any future plans to do so

A3 [Potassium Management Protocol available on intranet under policies and procedures.](#)

Q4 Has the trust revised local training and audit to ensure that relevant guidance and resources are embedded in clinical practice?

If yes, please outline the specific measures taken and signpost to updated documents

If no, please specify the reasons why not and any future timelines in doing so

A4 [All hyperkalaemia incident forms are sent to Dr Ratnasingham to review and ensure correct practice has taken place.](#)

Q5 Has the trust used local communication strategies to raise staff awareness of hyperkalaemia diagnosis and treatment?

If yes, please specify the measures taken

If no, please specify the reasons why and any future plans to do so

A5 Hyperkalaemia pathway was placed on Trust screen savers to remind clinical staff.