

Covid – 19 - DOS critical Care Capacity Management grids (bed bureau)

Question and Answer Sheet

Q. Does this replace the previous grid I completed?

A. Yes this grid will temporarily replace the grid that you usually fill in twice a day

Q. Who needs to complete this and how often?

A. Whoever normally completes the grid on your unit will continue to do it , however during operational and clinical pressure associate with surge you may devolve this responsibility to another appropriate person. It needs to be completed as a minimum twice daily - ideally 08:00 and 20:00

Q. What is a surge bed?

A. It is a critical care bed that is not normally part of your funded critical care unit. These may be additional beds located on your unit, in theatre recovery, anaesthetic room or wards annexed for critical care capability elsewhere in the Hospital /site as developed to respond to this national emergency.

Q. We don't use Critcon on our unit, do we need to complete this box?

A. YES. Critcon helps to show the pressures each site is under. The purpose of CRITCON is to get actions in place early and at pace to decompress and support wider support or mutual aid. Some sites will be stressed earlier than others. Make sure your site control (or equivalent) knows the score you are planning to declare based on consideration.

Q. When will the original grid be available?

A. The original grid will be reinstated at the end of the surge period. You will be notified when the switchback will occur.