



Standard Operating Procedure

North Thames Paediatric Intensive Care Decant Guideline

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Purpose of Guideline

In the event of any PICU in North Thames requiring decanting of patients, this guideline outlines the process.

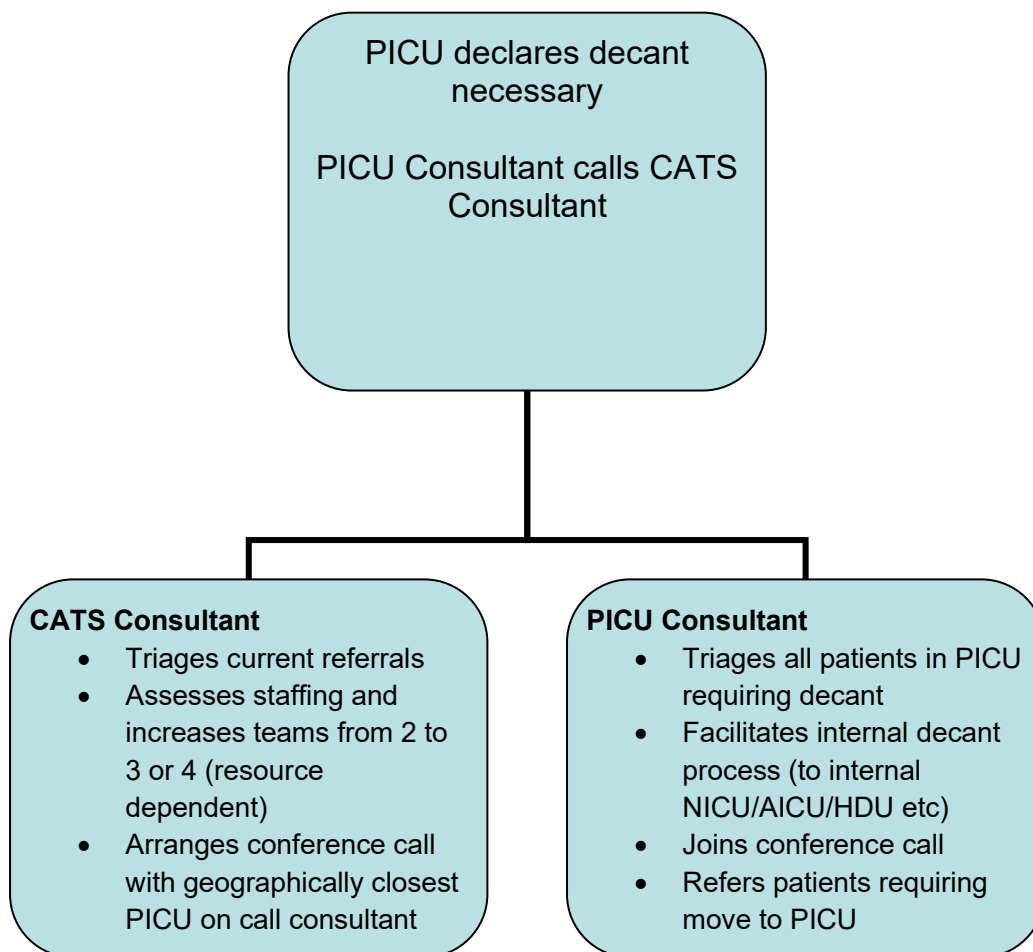
This may be required due to declaration of an external major incident in London, exceeding site capacity, internal resource failure, requirement to admit a high consequence infectious disease patient, or other acute event.

Background

There are 5 PICUs in the North Thames region, from East to West these are Royal London Hospital PCCU, Great Ormond Street Hospital PICU, CICU and NICU and St. Marys Hospital PICU.

CATS will be aware of capacity and activity levels in these units on every shift as part of the normal processes.

Process



Following conference call

CATS consultant deploys CATS teams for children in clinical priority order.

If there are children without a PICU decant bed, CATS consultant can add the geographically next nearest PICU on call consultant to the conference call to secure PICU decant beds for all children requiring transport.

Referrals Checklist

Patient MRN	PICU decant destination	Time team activated	Transport completed (Y/N)

All patient records will be kept on the CATS database

Contacts

Site	Phone number
CATS	0800 0850003
PICU Royal London	0203 5940382
PICU GOSH	0207 8138808
NICU GOSH	0207 8298812
CICU GOSH	0207 8298652
PICU St. Marys	0203 3126949