



**Daily update**  
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### **Faces of Primary Care: GP Practice Pharmacists**

As part of our *Faces of Primary Care* campaign, Aradhana Thistlethwaite, a GP Practice Pharmacist at Apsley Street Surgery, is highlighting the important role pharmacists play within GP practices.

Working alongside GPs, nurses and other healthcare professionals, GP Practice Pharmacists support patients to get the most from their medicines through medication reviews, treatment advice and support for long-term conditions.

If patients have questions about their medicines, concerns about side effects or would like to better understand their treatment, support may be available through the pharmacy team at their GP practice.

[Watch Aradhana's video and learn more about the role of GP Practice Pharmacists. Click here to download the video and display it within your healthcare setting.](#)

### **National Maternity Early Warning System (MEWS) Implementation across NHSGGC**

**On 17 August 2026**, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde will implement the **National Maternity Early Warning System (National MEWS)**. The National MEWS is based on the NHS England Maternity Early Warning System and is being adopted across NHS Scotland to support a consistent and standardised approach to the early recognition, escalation and management of maternal deterioration. This implementation forms part of a wider national programme to strengthen the identification and response to women who are becoming acutely unwell during pregnancy and the postnatal period.

All maternal observations undertaken within maternity services will be recorded electronically via **BadgerNet**. For women receiving care outside maternity services, including Emergency Departments, Gynaecology Wards and other acute hospital settings, **paper MEWS charts** should be used and scanned to Clinical Portal to ensure consistent monitoring and escalation of care. These charts can be ordered through Medical Illustrations using code **MI 373584 V1.0** in **A3 size**.

## Maternity Early Warning Score (MEWS)

Hospital sticker with patient details

| MEWS score                                                                                                                                            | 0                                                                                                          | 1 | 2 | A score for each vital sign is required at each entry |  |  |  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---|-------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| <b>Respirations</b><br>Breaths/min                                                                                                                    | >=25<br>22-24<br>18-21<br>15-17<br>9-12<br>7-8<br>≤6                                                       |   |   |                                                       |  |  |  |
| <b>SpO<sub>2</sub></b><br>Oxygen saturation (%)                                                                                                       | >=95<br>93-94<br>≤92                                                                                       |   |   |                                                       |  |  |  |
| <b>Temperature</b><br>°C                                                                                                                              | >=37.5<br>37.3-37.4<br>36.8-37.2<br>36.2-36.7<br>35.7-36.1<br>≤35.6                                        |   |   |                                                       |  |  |  |
| <b>Pulse</b><br>Beats/min                                                                                                                             | >=131<br>122-130<br>113-121<br>96-112<br>86-98<br>71-85<br>63-70<br>≤60                                    |   |   |                                                       |  |  |  |
| <b>Pulse - from 48 hours post birth ONLY</b><br>Beats/min                                                                                             | >=108<br>99-107<br>89-98<br>71-84<br>58-70<br>51-57<br>≤50                                                 |   |   |                                                       |  |  |  |
| <b>Systolic blood pressure</b><br>mmHg                                                                                                                | >=175<br>160-174<br>145-159<br>136-144<br>121-135<br>111-120<br>101-110<br>94-100<br>77-93<br>61-76<br>≤60 |   |   |                                                       |  |  |  |
| <b>Diastolic blood pressure</b><br>mmHg                                                                                                               | >=110<br>97-109<br>89-96<br>80-88<br>70-79<br>62-69<br>57-61<br>≤56                                        |   |   |                                                       |  |  |  |
| <b>MEWS TOTAL</b>                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                            |   |   |                                                       |  |  |  |
| Additional concerns - Please see overview for additional concern table. If one or more additional concern is present, consider escalation and review. |                                                                                                            |   |   |                                                       |  |  |  |
| Healthcare professional concerned                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                            |   |   |                                                       |  |  |  |
| Woman/family concerned                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                            |   |   |                                                       |  |  |  |
| Significant additional therapies (e.g. Oxygen)                                                                                                        |                                                                                                            |   |   |                                                       |  |  |  |
| Increased pain (analgesic requirement)                                                                                                                |                                                                                                            |   |   |                                                       |  |  |  |
| Significant vaginal bleeding                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                            |   |   |                                                       |  |  |  |
| Reduced urine output                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                            |   |   |                                                       |  |  |  |
| Altered level of consciousness/responsiveness                                                                                                         |                                                                                                            |   |   |                                                       |  |  |  |
| Monitoring frequency                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                            |   |   |                                                       |  |  |  |
| Escalation of care (SOS/RSC)                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                            |   |   |                                                       |  |  |  |
| Initials                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                            |   |   |                                                       |  |  |  |
| Refer to back page for thresholds and triggers                                                                                                        |                                                                                                            |   |   |                                                       |  |  |  |

## Maternity Early Warning Score (MEWS)

Taking the total MEWS score generated, escalate according to the threshold and trigger table.

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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                             | 2                                                               | 1                                                                     | 0                                                                                                         | 1         | 2      |
| Vital Sign                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Respirations<br>Breaths/min                 | ≤6                                                              | 7-8                                                                   | 9-21                                                                                                      | 22-24     | >=25   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | SpO <sub>2</sub><br>Oxygen saturation (%)   | ≤92                                                             | 93-94                                                                 | >=95                                                                                                      | -         | -      |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Temperature<br>°C                           | ≤35.6                                                           | 35.7-36.1                                                             | 36.2-37.2                                                                                                 | 37.3-37.4 | >=37.5 |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Pulse<br>Beats/min                          | ≤62                                                             | 63-70                                                                 | 71-112                                                                                                    | 113-121   | >=122  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Pulse (from 48 hours post birth)            | ≤50                                                             | 51-57                                                                 | 58-98                                                                                                     | 99-107    | >=108  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Systolic blood pressure<br>mmHg             | ≤93                                                             | 94-100                                                                | 101-135                                                                                                   | 136-144   | >=145  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Diastolic blood pressure<br>mmHg            | ≤56                                                             | 57-61                                                                 | 62-88                                                                                                     | 89-96     | >=97   |
| +                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                             |                                                                 |                                                                       |                                                                                                           |           |        |
| Additional concerns                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                             |                                                                 |                                                                       |                                                                                                           |           |        |
| <p>If one or more of these additional concerns are present, consider:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increasing the frequency of observations to a minimum of every 30 minutes</li> <li>Escalate in line with a low-medium level of concern even if MEWS less than 2</li> <li>Where MEWS is greater than 2 raising the level of concern to the next category.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                             |                                                                 |                                                                       |                                                                                                           |           |        |
| <p>Healthcare professional concerned</p> <p>Woman/family concerned</p> <p>Significant additional therapies (e.g. Oxygen)</p> <p>Increased pain (analgesic requirement)</p> <p>Significant vaginal bleeding</p> <p>Reduced urine output</p> <p>Decreased level of consciousness/responsiveness</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                             |                                                                 |                                                                       |                                                                                                           |           |        |
| ↓                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                             |                                                                 |                                                                       |                                                                                                           |           |        |
| Thresholds and triggers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                             |                                                                 |                                                                       |                                                                                                           |           |        |
| <p>* The grade of medical team member indicated as the primary contact for each level of clinical concern is a guide and may need to be adapted depending on the local skill mix within that care setting or organisation</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                             |                                                                 |                                                                       |                                                                                                           |           |        |
| Level of concern                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Low                                         | Low-medium                                                      | Medium                                                                | High                                                                                                      |           |        |
| MEWS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 0-1                                         | 2-4                                                             | 5-7                                                                   | 8 or more                                                                                                 |           |        |
| Primary escalation & response (Use SBAR framework)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                             | Review by midwife in charge                                     | Urgent review by midwife in charge                                    | Immediate review by midwife in charge                                                                     |           |        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                             | Request review by ST1/2 or equivalent                           | Urgent review by ST3+ or equivalent and consultant made aware of plan | Immediate review by ST3+ or equivalent, consultant and anaesthetic team. Consider review by outreach team |           |        |
| Medical review timing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                             | Within 30 minutes                                               | Within 15 minutes                                                     | Immediate                                                                                                 |           |        |
| Minimal vital signs recording until medical review/ongoing plan                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Continue with current observation frequency | Reassess observations within 30 minutes & document ongoing plan | Reassess observations within 15 minutes & document ongoing plan       | Continuous observations                                                                                   |           |        |
| Secondary contact                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                             | ST3+ or equivalent                                              | Consultant or equivalent                                              | Clinical outreach team or equivalent                                                                      |           |        |
| <p>* When the primary team member(s) contacted is unable to attend or fails to attend within the expected time for the level of clinical concern, escalation to the secondary contact is required</p> <p>* The secondary contact would be expected to attend within the initial medical review timing, calculated from the documented time of primary escalation</p> <p>* The section <b>pulse (from 48 hours after birth)</b> cut-offs should be used for all women from 48 hours after birth. The time and date from which these values should be used should be entered on the front of the chart.</p> |                                             |                                                                 |                                                                       |                                                                                                           |           |        |

The **National MEWS should be used for all pregnant women from conception until 6 weeks postnatal**. While the original NHS England study and guidance focused on use up to 4 weeks postnatally, NHS Scotland has agreed a standardised national approach extending use to 6 weeks postnatal, aligning with existing maternity care guidance across Scottish Boards.

Further information and training resources will be available through local maternity governance and practice development teams. Together, the National MEWS will support earlier recognition of deterioration, timely escalation and improved maternal safety across NHSGGC.

Any questions please contact Quality Improvement Midwife, Kirsty Maclean:  
[Kirsty.Maclean7@nhs.scot](mailto:Kirsty.Maclean7@nhs.scot).

## Estates & Facilities Staff Hub

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