

Descriptors for Care

Level	Descriptor	Interpretation
0	Patient requires hospitalisation needs met by provision of normal ward care.	Individual is independent but requires hospitalisation for a small number of identified needs e.g. monitoring of diagnostics.
1(a)	Acutely ill patients requiring intervention or those who are UNSTABLE with a GREATER POTENTIAL to deteriorate.	Individual is mostly independent , acutely ill, and requires intervention and close monitoring.
1(b)	Patients who are in a STABLE condition but are dependent on nursing care to meet most or all of the activities of daily living.	Individual is mostly dependent and in addition requires hospitalisation for a number of identified needs.
2	May be managed within clearly identified, designated beds, resources with the required expertise and staffing level OR may require transfer to a dedicated Level 2 facility / unit (high dependency/ critical care)	Individual requires care and treatment at a level normally provided in a high dependency or critical care unit.
3	Patients needing advanced respiratory support and / or therapeutic support of multiple organs.	Individual requires care and treatment at a level normally provided in an intensive care unit.