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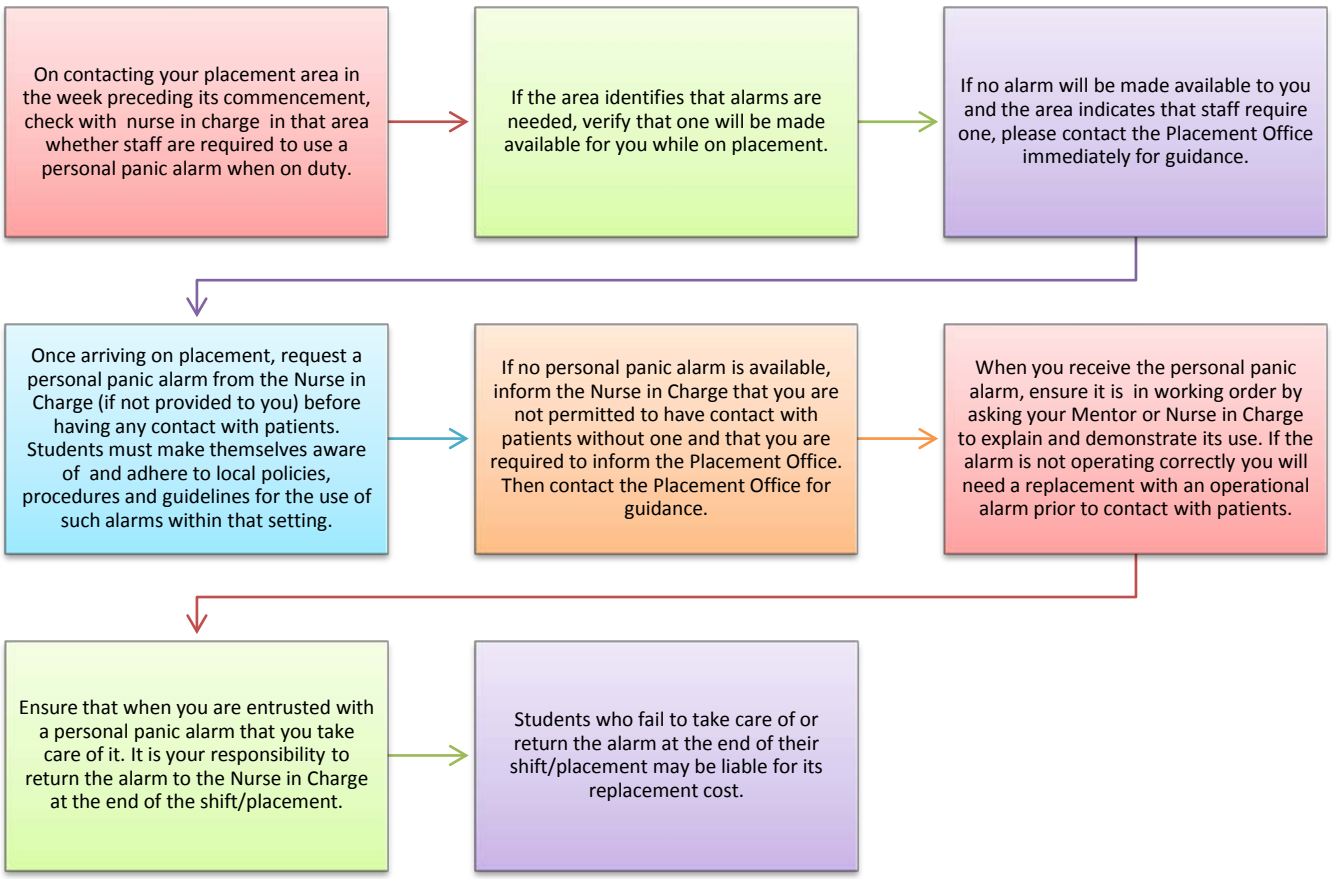
PROCEDURE FOR STUDENT NURSES FOR THE USE OF PERSONAL PANIC ALARMS WHILE UNDERTAKING PRACTICE LEARNING EXPERIENCES

As a student undertaking placements within a variety of health care settings, some areas of practice require staff to have a personal panic alarm with them at all times.

Personal panic alarms are normally provided within premises where staff are potentially vulnerable by being isolated visually and aurally from other staff who would be able to offer assistance in an emergency. They form part of an overall risk management process to minimise risk to the individual, and are not relied upon as the only means of reducing the risks to lone workers. These alarms enable the user to raise the alarm, create confusion and buy time to remove themselves from a vulnerable situation. They are normally used alongside de-escalation and breakaway techniques. Personal panic alarms should always be used in conjunction with local policies, procedures and guidelines. Students must make themselves aware of these and adhere to them when commencing placement in an area where such alarms are used.

If you are placed in an area that requires the use of a personal panic alarm, you should adhere to the following procedure:



On the following pages you will find a list of areas that are known to require staff to have personal panic alarms when on duty. This list should not be seen as exhaustive as clinical facilities change and adapt and so students should still follow the procedure indicated above.

BELFAST HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE TRUST

AVOCA, KNOCKBRACKEN HEALTH CARE PARK
CLARE WARD, KNOCKBRACKEN HEALTH CARE PARK
MAINE VILLA, KNOCKBRACKEN HEALTH CARE PARK
RATHLIN WARD (FEMALE), KNOCKBRACKEN HEALTH CARE PARK
SHAFTSBURY SQUARE ADDICTIONS UNIT
SHANNON CLINIC WARD 1, KNOCKBRACKEN HEALTH CARE PARK
SHANNON CLINIC WARD 2, KNOCKBRACKEN HEALTH CARE PARK
SHANNON WARD 3, KNOCKBRACKEN HEALTH CARE PARK
WARD J, MATER HOSPITAL
WARD K, MATER HOSPITAL
WARD L, MATER HOSPITAL
WINDSOR HOUSE, BELFAST CITY HOSPITAL

NORTHERN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE TRUST

CARRICK 1, HOLYWELL HOSPITAL
CARRICK 2, HOLYWELL HOSPITAL
CARRICK 3, HOLYWELL HOSPITAL
CARRICK 4, HOLYWELL HOSPITAL
INVER 1 (ICU), HOLYWELL HOSPITAL
INVER 3, HOLYWELL HOSPITAL
INVER 4, HOLYWELL HOSPITAL
LISSAN 1 (ICU), HOLYWELL HOSPITAL
ROSS THOMPSON UNIT, CAUSEWAY HOSPITAL
TARDREE 1 (LOWER), HOLYWELL HOSPITAL
TOBERNAVEEN CENTRE, HOLYWELL HOSPITAL
TOBERNAVEEN LOWER, HOLYWELL HOSPITAL
TOBERNAVEEN UPPER, HOLYWELL HOSPITAL

SOUTH EASTERN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE TRUST

ASSESSMENT CENTRE, LAGAN VALLEY HOSPITAL
ASSESSMENT CENTRE, McQUEEN HOME, ARDS HOSPITAL
ASSESSMENT CENTRE, FINNESTON HOUSE, DOWNSHIRE HOSPITAL
COGNITIVE BEHAVIOURAL TEAM, McQUEEN HOME, ARDS HOSPITAL
DEMENTIA UNIT, DOWNE HOSPITAL
MENTAL HEALTH INPATIENT UNIT, DOWNE HOSPITAL
WARD 11, LAGAN VALLEY HOSPITAL
WARD 12, LAGAN VALLEY HOSPITAL
WARD 15, SHIMNA HOUSE, DOWNSHIRE HOSPITAL
WARD 27, KILCLIEF, DOWNSHIRE HOSPITAL
WARD 28 (MALE), TOLLYMORE, DOWNSHIRE HOSPITAL
WARD 29 (FEMALE), TOLLYMORE, DOWNSHIRE HOSPITAL

SOUTHERN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE TRUST

ADDICTIONS UNIT, ST LUKE'S HOSPITAL
BRONTE WARD, BLUESTONE UNIT, CRAIGAVON AREA HOSPITAL
CLOUGHMORE WARD, BLUESTONE UNIT, CRAIGAVON AREA HOSPITAL
HAVEN CLOSE, ST LUKE’S HOSPITAL
SILVERWOOD WARD, BLUESTONE UNIT, CRAIGAVON AREA HOSPITAL
WILLOWS WARD, BLUESTONE UNIT, CRAIGAVON AREA HOSPITAL
WARD 3, ST LUKE'S HOSPITAL

WESTERN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE TRUST

ACUTE DAY CARE, TYRONE AND FERMANAGH HOSPITAL
CEDAR VILLA, GRANSHA HOSPITAL
CLINIC A, GRANSHA HOSPITAL
CLINIC B, GRANSHA HOSPITAL
ELM WARD, TYRONE AND FERMANAGH HOSPITAL
LIME WARD, TYRONE AND FERMANAGH HOSPITAL
ROWAN VILLA, TYRONE AND FERMANAGH HOSPITAL
SPRUCE VILLA, TYRONE AND FERMANAGH HOSPITAL