

JUNIOR DOCTORS INDUSTRIAL ACTION (IA) ACCOTS SERVICE DURING IA

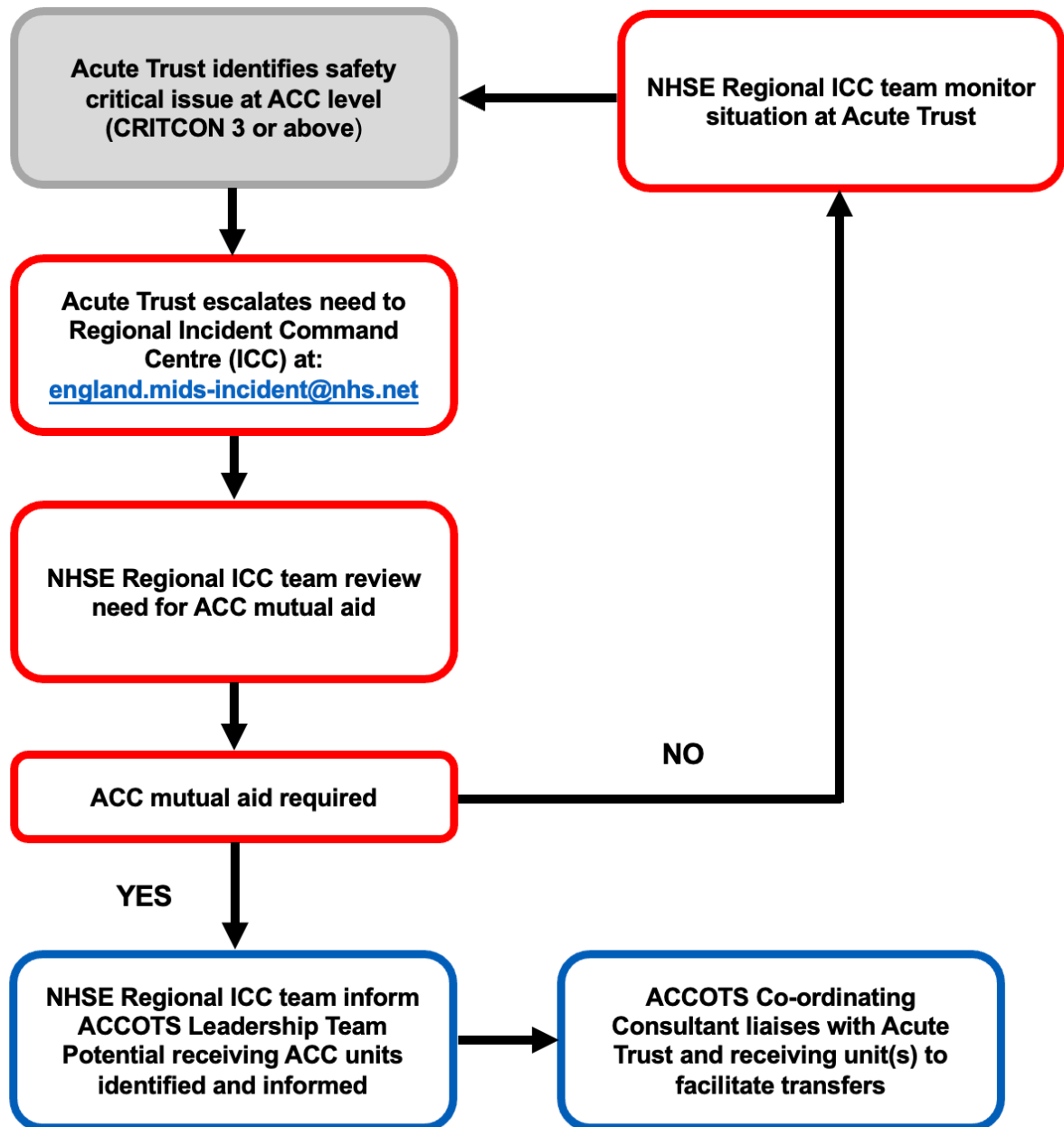
SETTING	Midlands Region (ACCOTS East & West Midlands)
FOR STAFF	All Acute NHS Trusts / All ACCOTS Staff
PATIENTS	All Patients

Introduction

- Junior Doctor's Industrial Action (IA) takes place from:
06:59 hrs Tuesday 11th April until 06:59 hrs Saturday 15th April
- During this period ACCOTS will be running as normal although on some days there may be slightly reduced clinical transfer team coverage.
- Please refer all patients as usual to **0300 200 1100** or on the **Referapatient** system.

Capacity Transfers

- Following discussion with the Regional NHSE Team, ACCOTS will:
NOT be routinely taking capacity transfer requests during the period of IA
- The rationale for this is that all acute trusts will be under sustained pressure during this period of IA and therefore managing ACC capacity with patient transfers will be challenging and most importantly, will likely not provide benefit to the patients transferred
- It is recognised however, that this four-day strike and it's timing may create significantly greater challenges than the previous period of IA in March.
- There may, therefore, be specific situations in which capacity transfers becomes a critical step in ensuring ongoing patient safety
- If any trust is in a position where they feel the situation is unsafe within their Adult Critical Care Unit and require mutual aid, this must be raised via the trust Incident Command Centre (ICC) to the NHSE Midlands Regional Incident Command Centre (RICC), following the below process:



- Standard processes will resume at 07:00 hrs Saturday 15th April
- For any queries, please contact the ACCOTS Leadership Team at uhb-tr.accots@nhs.net