COVID-19 Pandemic CRITCON Levels

Please declare CRITCON level and for CRITCON 1, 2 or 3 the staffing level A or B

DEFINITION	STATUS
Normal – *'Business as usual'*	
• Normal, able to meet all critical care needs, without impact on other services • Normal winter levels of non-clinical transfer and other overflow activity.	**CRITCON 0**
Low Surge – *'Bad winter'*	
• Usual funded critical care capacity full. Some non-clinical transfers	**CRITCON 1**
Medium Surge – *'Unprecedented'*	
• Usual funded critical care capacity full – overflow into quasi-critical care areas (theatre recovery, other acute care areas). High level of non-clinical transfers • Trusts beginning mutual aid	**CRITCON 2**
High Surge – *'Full stretch'*	
• Expansion into non-critical care areas (e.g. wards) and/or use of paediatric facilities for adult critical care. Trust operating at or near maximum physical capacity. • Maximum mutual aid between Trusts, with network and regional NHSE co-ordination. • The prime imperative in CRITCON 3 is to prevent any single trust entering CRITCON 4	**CRITCON 3**
Triage – *'Emergency'*	
• Resources overwhelmed. Possibility of triage by resource (non-clinical refusal or withdrawal of critical care due to resource limitation). • This must **only** be implemented on national directive from NHSE and in accordance with national guidance.	**CRITCON 4**
Staff Declaration: CRITCON 1,2 & 3 SHOULD BE FURTHER CATEGORISED A OR B	
• Adhering to BACCN / ICS staffing recommendations or unit norm	**A**
• Staffing below BACCN / ICS staffing recommendations or unit norm	**B**