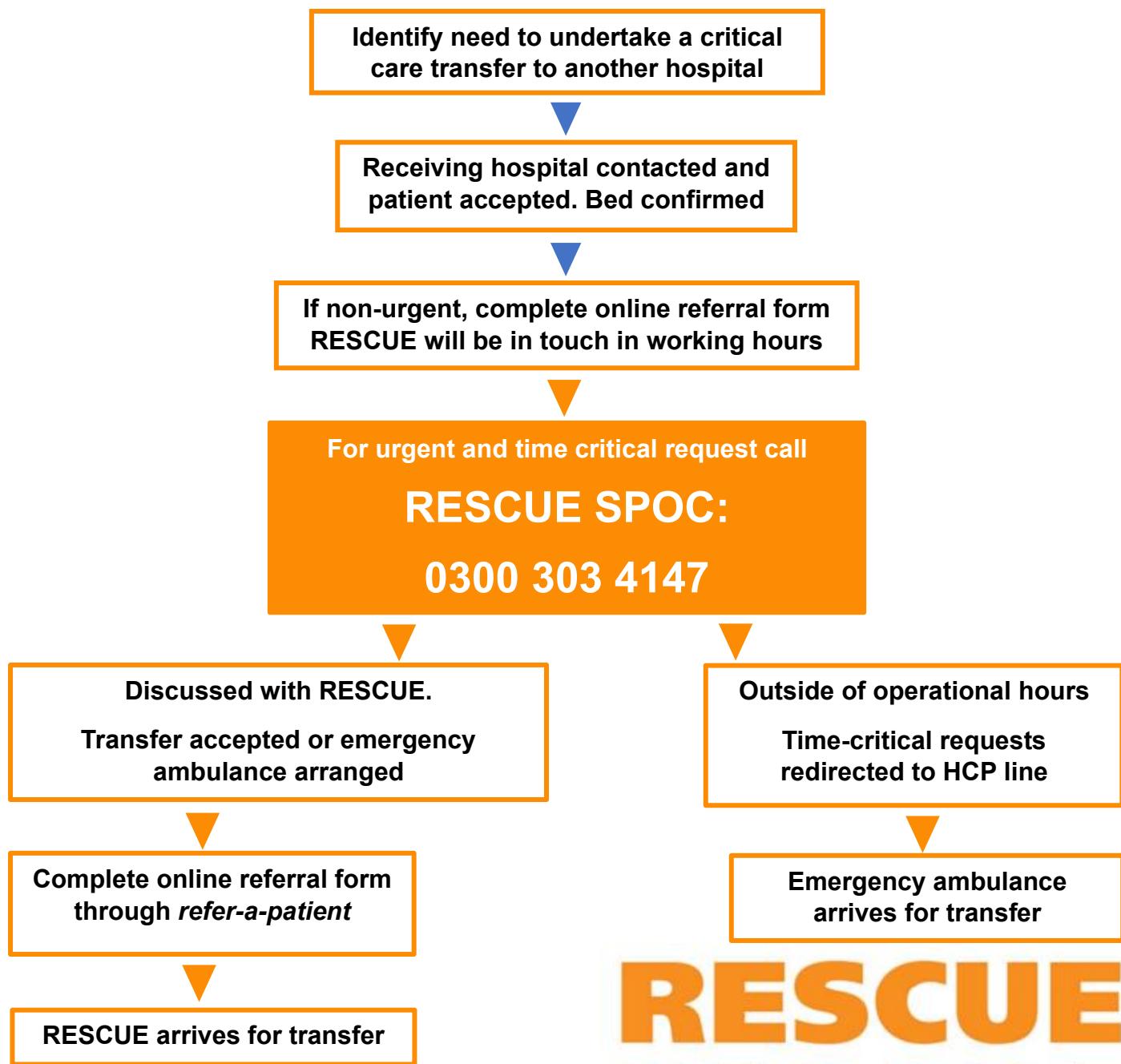


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Arranging an ambulance for a critical care patient transfer



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What patient transfers are included?

All transfer requests must be for adult patients and non-time critical (i.e. suitable for a four hour response)

- ➔ Escalations of care—to ICU/HDU
- ➔ Referral to specialty services
- ➔ Transfers of level 2/3 patients between facilities
- ➔ Repatriation of patients from ICU to their home Trust (ICU-ICU or ICU-Ward)
- ➔ Long distance road transfers

The service within Thames Valley & Wessex operates 10:30 to 23:00



Where do we accept transfers from?

- ➔ Intensive Care Units
- ➔ High Dependency Units
- ➔ Emergency Departments
- ➔ Operating Theatres
- ➔ Wards
- ➔ Speciality areas (gynae, renal, cardiac etc.)
- ➔ Private Facilities (providing NHS care or referral to NHS ICU/HDU)

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Types of critical care transfers and urgency

	Definition	Timescale	National Framework for Inter-Facility Transfers Category
Time critical	A patient requiring transfer to specialist care for immediate (within 1 hour of arrival) life, limb or sight-saving intervention	As soon as possible Arrival in receiving hospital within 4 hours of referral	IFT category 2
Urgent	A patient requiring transfer for ongoing time-sensitive management	Arrival in receiving hospital in 4 to 12 hours	IFT category 3 and some 4
Planned	A patient requiring transfer for elective intervention or ongoing care	Arrival in receiving hospital in 12 to 48 hours	IFT category 4 and those outside the categorisation

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