1. HES DATA EXTRACTED BY PROJECT TEAM BEFORE CASE RECORD REVIEW	
(not made available to reviewers)	
Sex M/F	
Age at hospital admission	
Date and Time of patient's first arrival at hospital (ED or other primary	
receiving ward).	
Duration of stay in ED (interval between arrival at hospital and time of	
admission, hrs & mins)	
Time, date and day of admission	
Length of hospital stay (days)	
Primary admitting diagnosis	
Comorbid disease (Charlson)	
Hospital Outcome: death or survival	

2. CLINICAL DATA EXTRACTED BY CASE RECORD REVIEWER (independently for		
duplicate reviews)		
1. PRE-ADMISSION PHASE INCLUDING EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT	r	
Source of admission:		
Own home		
 Nursing or residential care home 		
Another hospital		
No fixed abode		
No information available		
Patient condition immediately before the illness that led to this		
admission.		
Independent		
 Needing help with some activities of daily living (ADLs) 		
 Dependant on others for most/all ADLs including personal hygiene 		
 Unable to determine; no relevant information in notes 		
Referral mechanism:		
 Self-presentation to ED (walk-in/own transport) 		
 999/ambulance transfer to ED 		
 GP or deputising service referral 		
Unable to determine		
Admission pathway:		
Was the patient initially assessed in ED or any other short term		
emergency pre-admission assessment unit (e.g. Clinical Decision Unit,		
Ambulatory care, Medical or Surgical Assessment Unit, etc.), or was the		
patient admitted directly to an acute ward (AMU, general or specialty		
ward)?		
ED/pre-admission area		
 Direct admission to acute ward 		
Unable to determine		
2. POST-ADMISSION PHASE		
Location immediately following admission:		

Clinical Decision Unit or short stay ward	
 Acute Medical Unit [AMU/MAU (medical assessment unit)] 	
General medical ward	
 Medical sub-specialities including high care (eg: Coronary Care 	
Unit, Renal Unit, Respiratory, Haematology, Oncology)	
Older People's Medicine/Elderly Care Unit	
Rehabilitation	
 Critical Care Unit / Intensive Care Unit (including High 	
Dependency)	
 General Surgery (including surgical assessment/operating theatre) 	
 Other (please specify): 	
Unable to determine ward type	
Was this an appropriate type of ward for the patient's condition?	
Yes, definitely appropriate	
Probably appropriate	
• No	
Unable to determine	
Were vital signs recorded for calculation of a National Early Warning	
Score in the first 12 hours following admission?	
 Yes, full vital signs and a NEWS recorded 	
 Full vital signs, but NEWS not documented 	
 Some vital signs not documented, no NEWS 	
 No evidence of vital signs or NEWS 	
Initial Consultant Review in the first 24 hours following admission:	
Consultant review documented [REVIEWER TO RECORD TIME AND	
DATE]	
 Probable consultant review but status of doctor uncertain 	
[REVIEWER TO RECORD TIME AND DATE]	
 Consultant review, time not documented, but case record 	
suggests < 14 hrs after admission	
 Consultant review, time not documented, but case record 	
suggests > 14 hrs after admission	
 Unlikely that consultant review occurred during first 24 hours 	
 No evidence for consultant review in first 24 hours 	
Palliative and end-of-life care (within first 7 days): were discussions	
held or decisions made to limit treatment, forego resuscitation	
(DNACPR), or refer to palliative care?	
 No: not required, patient appropriately for full treatment 	
 No, but would probably have been appropriate to consider some 	
form of treatment limitation	
 No, but would definitely have been appropriate to limit treatment. 	
 Yes: time and date of discussion or decision to limit treatment 	
 Yes, appropriate decision 	
 Yes, but patient might have benefited from escalation 	
 Yes, but likely inappropriate decision, patient should have 	
been considered for full escalation	

• If referral to palliative care, time and date referral made:	
• If referral to pallative care, time and date referral made.	
Admission avoidance: Could admission to hospital have been avoided	
given optimal care in the community (eg: primary care, Hospital at	
Home, palliative care etc)?	
• Yes	
Possibly	
• No	
Free Text Comments: Anything else you want to mention about this	
case?	
3. ASSESSMENT OF CARE QUALITY	I
Errors in care:	
Does the case record contain evidence of one or more errors in care	
defined as 'the failure of a planned action to be completed as intended	
or use of a wrong, inappropriate, or incorrect plan to achieve an aim'	
(This may include events identified above). If Yes, please complete	
next table, errors in healthcare:	
Description of event	
Where did the event occur?	
When did the event occur?	
Category of event	
 Associated with adverse event? 	
If yes, grade preventability	
Proceed to next table, errors in care	

CLASSIFICATIONS OF ERRORS, ADVERSE EVENT PREVENTABILITY AND GLOBAL QUALITY OF CARE

1.1 Location Of Error: Where did the error occur?
A. Outside hospital (primary care, ambulance, etc.)
B. In the ED or linked area before admission
C. AMU or equivalent area
D. Acute ward (other than AMU)
E. Specialty ward [ICU/HDU (high dependency unit), coronary care, renal,
respiratory, elderly care, rehab]
F. Diagnostic area, radiology

1.2 Error	Examples only (not exhaustive – not for recording)
Typology	
A. Assessment, investigation or diagnosis	Physical examination and history taking incomplete Pressure ulcer risk not assessed/incorrectly assessed VTE (venous thromboembolism) risk assessment not completed/ incorrectly completed Falls history/vulnerability to falls not identified Swallowing safety not assessed/incorrectly assessed Tests and investigations missed/delayed/wrong Diagnosis missed/delayed/wrong Failure to assess comorbidities or frailty
B. Medication	Over- or under-hydration Oxygen supply wrong/delayed/omitted Allergic/anaphylactic reaction to any medication Anticoagulants/antiplatelets wrong/delayed/omitted Antibiotics wrong/delayed/omitted Insulin or other diabetes medication wrong/delayed/omitted Opiates wrong/delayed/omitted Sedatives/hypnotics/antipsychotics wrong/delayed/omitted Steroids wrong/delayed/omitted NSAID (non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug) wrong/delayed/ omitted Diuretics wrong/delayed/omitted Antihypertensives wrong/delayed/omitted Cardiovascular medications wrong/delayed/omitted Chemotherapy wrong/delayed/omitted
C. Treatment and management plan	Appropriate medical/surgical treatment not planned Avoidable delay/omission of planned medical/surgical treatment Inappropriate/unnecessary medical/surgical treatment given Inappropriate ceiling of care Omitted/delayed/wrong treatment from AHPs (allied health professional) Acquired pressure ulcer: prevention below acceptable standard Acquired pressure ulcer despite apparently acceptable standard of prevention Slip/trip/fall: prevention plan below acceptable standard Slip/trip/fall despite apparently acceptable standard of prevention Developed VTE: prophylaxis below acceptable standard Developed VTE despite apparently acceptable standard

D. Infection	Surgical wound infection
control	Infection from invasive procedure other than surgery
	Other healthcare associated wound infection (e.g. infected ulcer)
	Infection from indwelling device (catheter, central lines, etc.)
	Healthcare associated clostridium difficile
	Healthcare- /device-associated MRSA (methicillin-resistant
	Staphylococcus aureus) bloodstream infection
	Other bloodstream infection (not MRSA)
	Healthcare associated pneumonia/chest infection (including
	aspiration)
	Healthcare associated norovirus/D&V (diarrhoea and vomiting)
	Avoidable delay in undertaking procedure
E. Invasive	Inadequate pre-procedure assessment/preparation
procedures	Complication of anaesthesia/sedation including airway
	management
	Complication of operative procedure (e.g. perforation,
	haemorrhage)
	Complication of invasive procedure (e.g. perforation,
	haemorrhage)
	Vital signs monitoring.
F. Monitoring	Fluid intake/output.
	Nutritional intake.
	Delay in initiating resuscitation
G.	Delay in initiating cardiopulmonary resuscitation
Cardiopulmonary	Inappropriate resuscitation
resuscitation	Airway management
	Resuscitation equipment
H. Other problem	Describe in free text

1.3: Grading Of Preventability Of Adverse Event:

- 1. Virtually no evidence for preventability.
- 2. Slight to modest evidence of preventability.
- 3. Possibly preventable, but not very likely (less than 50–50, but close call).
- 4. Probably preventable (more than 50–50, but close call).
- 5. Strong evidence for preventability.
- 6. Virtually certain evidence of preventability.

1.4: Global assessment of quality of care

To what extent did this patient receive best practice care? (select one only)

- Completely
- Substantially
- Partially
- Very little
- Not at all