



UNIVERSITY OF PLYMOUTH

Guidance on students escorting patients to hospital appointments, between hospital departments or inter-hospital transfers

Health care students are required to work under direct or indirect supervision of registered health care professionals.

Decisions around indirect supervision are made after risk assessment of the stability and suitability of the patient and the stage of a student's programme. Where appropriate the placement provider's policy on lone working is adhered to.

There may be many cases where appropriate learning can be facilitated through escorting a patient between hospital departments or inter-hospital transfers, such as when a patient is required to be transferred to a centre for further investigations, or transferred from one clinical environment to another.

Students must be accompanied by a registered health care practitioner (such as Registered Nurse or *Registered Paramedic) unless the patient would **NOT** normally require an escort.

*Not all inter-hospital transfers or clinic appointments are escorted by Paramedics, please ensure the status of the escort crew before deciding it is appropriate for a student to attend.