

Medical Emergencies Policy

Kirkvoe Medical

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1. Reason for Policy / Purpose of Policy

The chance of a medical emergency occurring on the premises is low as there are no procedures being performed and the practice patient population are by definition working age. There does however exist a baseline risk of a medical emergency occurring to anybody therefore there needs to be a policy in place should such an event occur.

2. Policy Statement and Aims

This policy outlines the steps to be taken should a medical emergency occur on the premises of Kirkvoe Medical.

3. Scope

This policy applies to Dr Zoe Shepherd and the patients treated by her.

4. Procedure

On recognition of a medical emergency Dr Shepherd will first of all ensure it is safe to approach the patient to offer assistance (for example ensuring any hazard which may have precipitated the emergency is controlled). She will then approach the patient, confirm the patient is unwell and shout for help. This will bring clinicians from other consulting rooms nearby to help. The first person to respond will be tasked to phone 999 to arrange an ambulance response. If nobody is available to call Dr Shepherd will call 999 herself. She will then proceed to assess and manage the patient while waiting for ambulance service intervention.

Should the patient require cardiopulmonary resuscitation Dr Shepherd will perform this in accordance to current basic life support guidance (BLS). She will be responsible for maintaining her BLS certification which will be checked during her annual appraisal.

5. Responsibilities

Dr Shepherd is responsible for the implementation of this algorithm.

6. Related information

BLS algorithm [Adult Basic Life Support Algorithm 2021.pdf \(resus.org.uk\)](#)