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SUICIDE RISK SCREENING TOOL

Screening Questions for Triage Nurse Screen in A & E to use with patients/service users presenting with mental health problems.

(Used to provide basic background for the mental health crisis clinician who is being called in to evaluate patient/service users as well as determining the intensity of the patient's current crisis).

Note: If patient/service user presents stating they are having a mental health crisis, always begin by sensitively spending a few minutes asking what is going on with them. Only after this period of dedicated engagement ask the following questions in the following sequence.

1. I'm going to have one of our mental health professionals speak with you. Before I do (say name of patient), I want to make sure I have a good idea of the extent of your symptoms, because this can help us better understand what you are going through. (For instance, have you been having any problems with sleep, fatigue or low energy, sadness, depression or anxiety, recently? Or, anything else?)

2. Have you had any thoughts of ending your life? How? When?

Please describe:

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