Guidelines for Referral of Recreational Drug Users to A&E

Refer to hospital if ANY one of the following are present:

1. AVPU assessment graded as either P or U (A=Alert, V=Voice, P=Pain, U=Unconscious)

2. Chest pain similar to a 'heart attack'

3. Any history of seizures during this episode

4. >2 'poisoned clubbers' per member of ‘club medic’

5. Temperature >38°C not settling after 15 minutes of rest OR a temperature >40°C at any time

6. HR >140 beats per minute for >15 minutes

7. Blood pressure Systolic <90 or >180, Diastolic >110 on 2 readings 5 minutes apart

8. Confusion or agitation

9. Any concerns on behalf of the medical personnel involved

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