

Introducing a bleep to the renal ward

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REASON WHY?

The resident doctors on ward 35 don't currently carry a bleep and therefore if they are not on the ward then patients have to wait to be seen. This can lead to a delay in treatment



For patients on ward 35 to be seen in a timely manner by June 31st 2025 as evidenced by a jobs list post the introduction of a bleep

PLAN

The plan was to introduce a bleep for the junior doctors on the renal ward. I expect the bleep to help nurses get in to contact with the junior doctors if necessary or if patients are scoring whilst none are physically present on the ward. This will help patients be seen as needed if they do deteriorate or start scoring.

I asked the nursing staff who were happy for the junior doctors to be carrying a bleep through a questionnaire. The junior doctors, registrars and consultants answered a poll on the WhatsApp renal group chat – all of those who answered were happy with the bleep to be introduced.

DO

The bleep (890) was introduced, a note was written in the doctor's office for nurses to see and it was mentioned in the board rounds during the week. However, the bleep wasn't used as much as intended

STUDY

The bleep was used rarely over the 3 week testing period. It was only used on 3 days and received no bleeps during this time, therefore data collection was not possible.

After discussion with the renal consultant Dr Eardley informing him of the challenges I faced with implementing this. It was decided that this will be introduced for the new doctor's joining the rotation from August with the help of the induction pack and introductory talks held at the start of a rotation.

A modification to the bleep list posted in ward 35 to include bleep 890 as the junior doctor bleep.

ACT

To handover the project to someone on the next rotation in order to continue the process of introduction.

I will also introduce a bleep on ward 26 as part of the next PDSA cycle for the renal juniors or potentially use 890 as a collective renal junior doctor bleep, this is yet to be confirmed