

CMG 33 – BEHAVIOURAL AND PSYCHIATRIC EMERGENCIES

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ICP	Identify yourself clearly	AP
ICP	If concerned about your safety or the safety of others, call for police assistance	AP
ICP	If concerned about suicide or risk of serious harm, consider emergency apprehension (refer to additional guidance on emergency apprehension)	AP
ICP	Be reassuring and non-judgemental when conversing with the patient	AP
ICP	Speak quietly – do not shout	AP
ICP	Protect the patient's privacy and dignity wherever possible	AP
ICP	Do not leave the patient alone	AP
ICP	Consider / exclude medical causes of altered behaviour, including: hypoxia, hypoglycaemia, head injury, drug overdose, post-ictal state. Treat as appropriate.	AP
ICP	Consider use of CMG 37 – management of combative or agitated patients	AP
ICP	Arrange for appropriate support services (e.g. CAT Team)	AP