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ISBAR$_3$ Communication Tool for Inter-departmental Handover

Guidance to be read in conjunction with National Clinical Guideline No. 5 Communication (Clinical Handover) in Maternity Services

ISBAR$_3$ Communication (clinical handover) Tool SAMPLE Inter-departmental Handover	
I Identify	**Identify:** You Recipient of handover information Patient
S Situation	**Situation:** Location of patient as appropriate Brief summary of patient's current status Is there a problem?
B Background	**Background:** Concise summary of reason for interdepartmental handover Summary of treatment to date Baseline observations (current admission) Vital Signs: BP, Pulse, Resps, S_PO_2, (F_iO_2), Temp, AVPU. IMEWS (include previous IMEWS if appropriate) NEWS (include previous NEWS if appropriate)
A Assessment	**Assessment:** What is your clinical assessment of the patient at present?
R$_3$ Recommendation Read-Back Risk	**Recommendation:** Specify your recommendations Read-Back: Recipient(s) to confirm handover information and responsibility Risk: Include the safety pause to identify possible risks

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Further information

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