

## 7. ICU admission process

### Recommendations

- Trusts should ensure that consultant job plans reflect the pattern of demand for emergency admission to ICU and provision should be made for planned consultant presence in the evenings (and perhaps at night in busier units).
- Patients should rarely be admitted to ICU without the prior knowledge or involvement of a consultant intensivist.
- A consultant intensivist should review all patients admitted to ICU within 12 hours of admission<sup>9</sup>. Regular audit should be performed against this standard.