

Evaluation of the AKI Alert System to identify and monitor patients with Acute Kidney Injury (AKI): Outreach Nurse Focus Group

1 Introducing the AKI Alert System

- a) How did you first come to know about the AKI Alert System?

Prompts: who introduced the system, where, preparation for use/training received?

- b) What were your initial reactions?

- c) How could your introduction to the system have been improved?

2 Using the technology

- a) Describe to me your experiences of using the technology

Prompts: accessibility, ease of navigation, visual impact, strengths and weaknesses

- b) Tell me about your opinions of the information on the system.

Prompts: ease of identifying cohort, relevance of information, accuracy, sufficiently up-to-date, strengths and weaknesses?

- c) How do you use this information?

Prompts: how often accessed, communication of information, monitoring behaviour, treatment/interventions?

- d) Do you have any suggestions for how the technology could be improved?

3 Impacts on clinical practice and patients

a) Has the AKI Alert System changed the way you work?

Prompts: examples of positive and negative changes to clinical practice, assessment behaviour (disparity in assessments per area – why?)

b) Tell me about your experiences of working with members of the medical team. *Prompts: communication issues, reactions, responding to referrals?*

c) Are there any specific impacts from a professional viewpoint?

Prompts: should patients with AKI be a focused part of the job, or just an addition to support the renal team? Will this become embedded in the future role of outreach nurses?

d) Can you think of any ways that it makes a difference to patient care?

Prompts: positive and negative differences, added value, cost-effectiveness?

4 Any other comments or suggestions for improvement?