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# Boarding and Associated Definitions – draft following consultation

January 2024

<b>Boarding</b>	Exceeding the commissioned working capacity of a ward/unit, on a risk assessed basis, utilising a non-configured space in anticipation of an upcoming discharge/transfer, for a short period of time
<b>Surge Capacity</b>	Implementation of additional beds, that are resourced and equipped, on a risk assessed basis, in response to an anticipated and discrete episode of increased demand.
<b>Outliers</b>	An admitted patient receiving care in a hospital bed that is not intended for their designated speciality/treatment.

Feedback will be taken to the Escalation Framework task and finish group and 6 goals governance process for sign off pending formal data standards process.



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**Consultation:**

**September 2023**

Request from National escalation framework group to develop definitions

**November 2023**

Task and finish group created

**December 2023**

Draft definitions presented to EDoNS and DoThs

**December 2023**

Changes made and draft definitions recirculated to task and finish group / EDoNs and DoThs

**January 2024**

Comments received and reviewed – amendments made and recirculated

**Next steps**

**January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024**

Deadline for further comments

**February 2024**

Submit to Jeremy Griffiths as chair of escalation framework group

**February 2024**

Submit to 6 goal board for noting

**February 2024**

Commence formal data standards process – completion of DSCN