

## Guidance for completion of Dementia Screening aged 65+

### Exclusion Criteria

**Patient critically ill or in coma, has severe Speech and Language deficit or sensory impairment or/and no-one available to translate:** Defer Dementia Screening continuation when patient stable and/or translators, Carers/family available to support responses. If discharged prior to screen, ensure GP follow up requested.

### All Patients over 65 years

Ask patient or as appropriate relatives or carers: - Has the patient a known dementia diagnosis?  
*Confirmed diagnosis of Dementia – Ask the patient, or as appropriate, relatives or carers if they feel supported and able to cope at home.*  
If no: - ask has the person been more forgetful in the last 12 months to the extent it has significantly affected their life? If yes proceed.

### **Commence: Dementia Screening Tool**

Or

**If admitted via Emergency Medical Admission Unit (B1) or via the Trauma pathway complete Cognitive assessment in Admissions document and transcribe AMT score on to Screening Tool**

**Do you suspect/evidence of Delirium?**

**YES**

Diagnose and treat symptoms appropriately. Refer to AMT4 and TIME bundle

**Defer Dementia Screening** assessment tool when symptoms resolved as inpatient or ensure GP follow up

**NO**

Continue Cognitive assessment tool **AMT <8 or input if completed.**

**Complete Blood Screen either as inpatient as part of CQUIN FAIR or ensure GP follow up.**

Bloods - U&E, LFT, RBS, Calcium, B12 and Folate, TSH, CRP, Lipids

**Refer to Hospital Liaison Mental Health Team if:-**

- Challenging or complex Behaviour e.g. Behaviour disturbance or Psychosis?
- Help required with care and discharge planning
- For complex mental capacity assessments

**Refer after discharge to GP for Cognitive Screening prior to possible referral to Memory Service.**