



Dispatcher Safety Notice - 08/09/2022

Acute Behavioural Disturbance (ABD) is a time-critical emergency.

Overt symptoms can include:

acute behavioural changes, extreme aggression, rapid breathing, and excessive strength.

If a patient is actively restrained by the police, or the police state that the patient has ABD, this **must** generate a C1 response.

If ABD is noted by the Call Handler, ensure the correct code is generated and escalate your identification of ABD to the AOC clinical team.

Read more in ESOP44, ESOP39, and El021

