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Yes agreed, very helpful suggestion.

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Thanks, NR

I think that approach would be fine; it is the scoring system which is causing the anxiety atm.  
Many thanks for your leadership on this

Regards

Frank

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Dear Chris,

I understand yours and others concerns about the use of a clinical support tool. We too have had concerns which is why there is a narrative to go with the tool. In particular shared decision is stressed as below and elsewhere in the narrative. For those without a critical care background our real concern is that individual clinical decisions made on the usual basis of who is most likely to benefit from critical care intervention will subsequently, without such a tool, be more open to legal challenge not less. We fear in the future that more objectivity not less supports our decisions and those referring, or not referring patients. This is a matter of debate of course.

The Clinical Frailty Score used by NICE does already set a precedent for the use of a score.

My feeling and other clinicians is that we need something more than the CFS which is less nuanced and takes no consideration for the disease, disease process and outcome data currently available. We can remove the scoring system and go with something more akin to the Oxford region which doesn't