

**Appendix 1: Standards for safe prescribing that completed charts were evaluated against specific criteria**

<b>Prescribing Standard</b>	<b>Description</b>
Patient details	Name, ward, hospital number, consultant's name, date of birth, weight must all be stated clearly on the prescription
General prescribing principles	All prescriptions should be signed by the prescriber and, for each signature; the prescriber must print their name and bleep/ contact details. Where applicable the correct dose, frequency and indication should be stated
Allergy status	Both the allergy and type of reaction must be entered. If there is no allergy then this must be clearly stated
Regular medicines	The dose, route(s) and maximum dose and/or frequency of administration must be stated
As required medicines	The dose, route(s) and maximum dose and/or frequency of administration must be stated
Antibiotics	The dose, route(s) and maximum dose and/or frequency of administration must be stated. All anti-infective prescriptions must also have an indication and a stop/review date documented on the prescription date
Adult venous thromboembolism assessment and prevention guidelines	Prescribers should complete all relevant parts of the admission checklist