Drug and alcohol policy

Managing a patient intoxicated by Alcohol or Drugs

Patient returns to the ward and staff suspect he/she has used substances

The patient is behaviourally disturbed?
- Remove other patients from the area
- Deal with the immediate disturbance - call the Police if needs be
- Multi disciplinary team agree the use of Rapid Tranquilisation

Is the patient oversedated?
- Take physical observations T, P, R, & BP, and consider neuro observations and SEWS
- Contact medical staff for advice & before the use of prescribed medication
- Consider if there is a need to transfer to a specialist ward/area

No change in behaviours but the patient discloses they have taken something
- Sleep it off
- Further Specialist advice/ Intervention required

Physical Observations following Rapid Tranquilisation & agree need for further physical observations and timescale