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- 2. In adults and young people (16 and over) with suspected sepsis in acute hospital settings, ambulance trusts and acute mental health facilities, what is the association between NEWS2 bands (0, 1 to 4, 5 to 6, 7 or above) and risk of severe illness or death?