

COVID-19 INFECTION DISCHARGE FLOW CHART 27 04 2020

THIS FLOW CHART HAS BEEN CLINICALLY DEVELOPED BY DR TONY FOX (ACUTE) DR EMILY PEER (SHROPCOM) AND DR SIMON CHAPPLE (PRIMARY CARE). IT IS BASED ON ALL CURRENT GUIDANCE, REQUIREMENTS AND CURRENT EVIDENCE. THIS FLOW CHART IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE SHOULD GUIDANCE AND MEDICAL EVIDENCE ALTER. THIS FLOW CHART COVERS PATIENTS WHO ARE BEING DISCHARGED FROM AN ACUTE HOSPITAL TO A SUPPORTED PATHWAY (PATHWAY 1, 2, and 3) IN A COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, CARE HOME OR IN DOMCILLARY CARE.

ACUTE or COMMUNITY HOSPITAL patients

**Covid-19 Symptomatic on admission**– Infection Pathway counted from when test +VE, or if not tested, or –VE test **but treated as COVID-19** then use date of admission to hospital

Standard Pathway 14 days\* IPC measures (7 days\* if discharged home not requiring care)  
\*This may be longer if clinically decided e.g. if patient is severely immunocompromised or not improving

Patient develops symptoms of COVID19 at any time during a hospital admission

Test (Swab) patient

Non COVID patients or those with previously –VE test results

Test (Swab) patient at 24 hours before discharge as per protocol

COVID-19 +VE Result Positive

COVID19 –VE Result Negative – isolate on discharge as a contact for 14 days PPE as per PHE guidance 11651

Patient discharged after 14 days\*

Patient well enough for discharge at less than 14 days\*

Discharge as per standard pathways - will not require further isolation or swabbing at this point

Discharge when MFFD and isolate in a COVID +VE bed either a community hospital or a care home capable of self-isolation or own home for the completion of the 14 days \* (see above)

**Pathway 0** – Home with self-isolation for completion of 7 days\* if +VE, 14 days if -VE

**Pathway 1** – Home with Domiciliary Agency using IPC measures for completion of 14 days\*

**Pathway 2** – Community Hospital IPC either a community hospital or a care home capable of self-isolation measures and PPE or completion of 14 days\*(see above)

**Pathway 3** – Care Home or Community Hospital either a community hospital or a care home capable of self-isolation IPC measures and PPE for completion of 14 days\* (see above)

**NB caution discharging patients' home if there are vulnerable and shielded patients living in the same household** – if possible, discharge to alternate home or advise on how to isolate in own home

**ALL PATIENTS DESTINED FOR A SUPPORTED CARE PATHWAY – PW 1, 2 and 3 WHO HAVE A NEGATIVE TEST WILL BE TESTED/ RETESTED BEFORE DISCHARGE.**  
**ALL PATIENTS DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL WHO ARE NEGATIVE SHOULD BE TREATED AS COVID CONTACT AND SHOULD SELF ISOLATE OR ISOLATE**  
[PHE GUIDANCE 1165 1 How to work safely in care homes](#)  
Clear guidance on COVID status and duration of IPC risk should be provided in hand over to care homes and discharge documentation

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