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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION - PROTOCOLS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to protocols from the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh

Question:

- I would be grateful if NHS Lothian could provide relevant information for NHS Lothian or, more specifically, the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh as to the following matters. I appreciate that protocols relating to respiratory matters were likely regularly updated in around March 2020, and different protocols may have been in place. Apologies if the answers to each question are the same. My queries are as follows:
 - 1. On 16 March 2020, whether Lothian/ERI had a pathway/protocol for the Emergency Department's triage of respiratory presentations? If so, please provide the protocol.
 - a. If there are separate pathways/protocols for suspected COVID-19, I would be grateful for sight of these.
 - 2. On 18 March 2020, whether Lothian/ERI had a pathway/protocol for the Emergency Department's triage of respiratory presentations? If so, please provide the protocol.
 - a. If there are separate pathways/protocols for suspected COVID-19, I would be grateful for sight of these.
 - 3. On 20 March 2020, whether Lothian/ERI had a pathway/protocol for the Emergency Department's triage of respiratory presentations? If so, please provide the protocol.
 - a. If there are separate pathways/protocols for suspected COVID-19, I would be grateful for sight of these.

Answer:

Please see enclosed protocols, this was published on 12/03/2020.

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain









dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal. If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

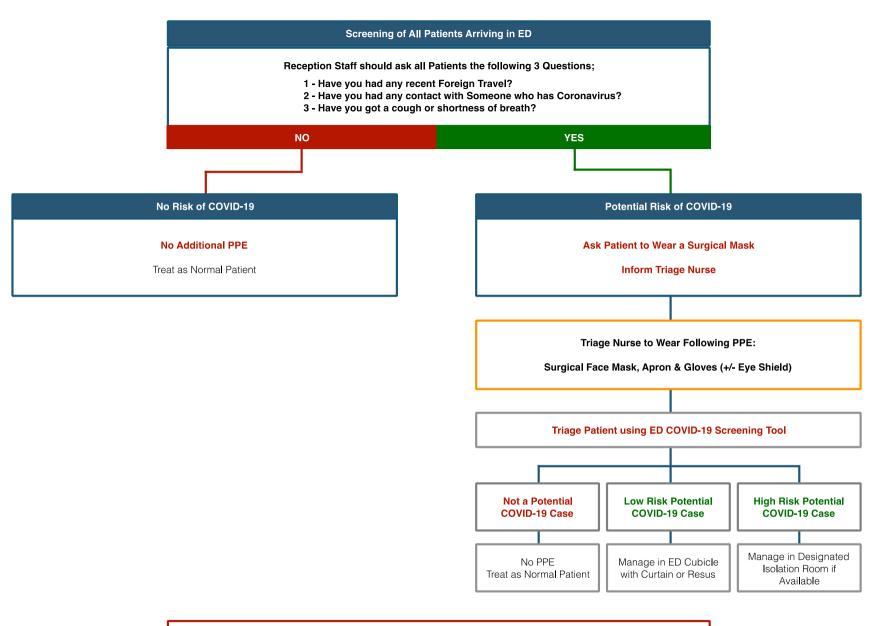
If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the FOI Reviewer at the email address at the head of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.

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Yours sincerely

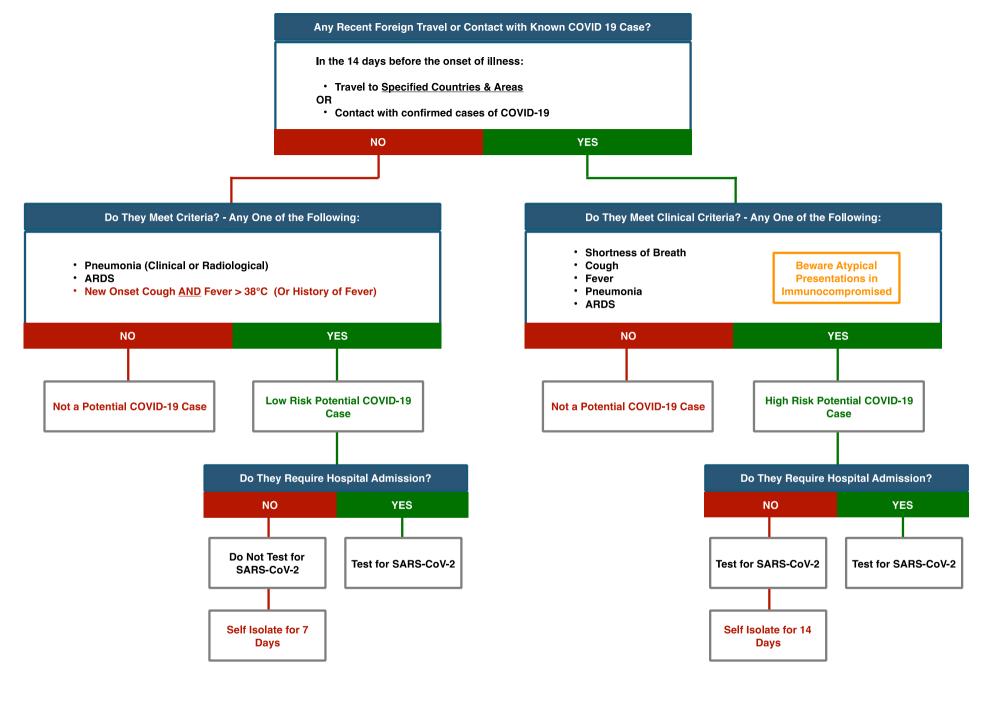
ALISON MACDONALD Executive Director, Nursing, Midwifery and AHPs

Cc: Chief Executive



Do not keep patients in the ED if they do not absolutely need to be in hospital. Seriously consider early signposting to self care & NHS24 if asymptomatic or well.

Screening of COVID-19 at ED Reception & Triage			Version 1.3	Page 1 of 1	NHS	of Parky Departure
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Triage Patient using ED COVID-19 Screening Tool **Lower Risk of COVID-19 Infection** Higher Risk of COVID-19 Infection No Epidemiological Risk Factor Patients who meet both Epidemiological & Clinical Case Criteria (Refer to ED COVID-19 Screening Tool) (Refer to ED COVID-19 Screening Tool) Manage in ED Cubicle with Curtain or Resus (If Required) Manage in Designated Isolation Room if Available Requires Hospital Admission Requires Admission Well Enough for Discharge Well Enough for Discharge (Discuss with ED ST4+) (Discuss with ED ST4+) Basic Surgical Face Mask Basic Surgical Face Mask Basic Surgical Face Mask Basic Surgical Face Mask Apron & Gloves (+/- Eye Shield) Unless Aerosol Generating Unless Aerosol Generating Unless Aerosol Generating Unless Aerosol Generating Procedure Procedure Procedure Procedure Do Not Test for SARS-CoV-2 Test for SARS-CoV-2 Test for SARS-CoV-2 Test for SARS-CoV-2 Give Information Leaflet to Patient Give Information Leaflet to Patient Bloods & CXR Bloods & CXR Inform ID Discharge Home with Information Admit to Ward 220 Discharge Home with Information Admit to Ward 220 - Side Room Leaflet Ideally within 30 minutes Leaflet Ideally within 30 minutes Advise Self Isolation for 7 Days Refer to 220 Admission Guide Advise Self Isolation for 14 Days Refer to 220 Admission Guide

ED Management of Potential COVID-19 Patients

Management of Potential COVID-19 in ED			Version 1.3	Page 1 of 1	NHS	STORY DELIVERY
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Patients Being Admitted to Ward 220 with Possible COVID-19 Infection All Patients should wear a Surgical Mask until on Ward. Patient must have been discussed with ST4+ prior to admission. Test for COVID-19 - Performed in ED (See Separate Document) **Consultant on Call** Radiopage #6648 **Referral Process** Medical Registrar Bleep 4110 1 - Call AMU Consultant to Inform of Admission (or HAN 21:00-08:00) 2 - Call Ward 220 to Inform of Transfer 3 - Inform Other Relevant Speciality (eg Orthopaedics if Fracture) Front Bays FY2+ Bleep 2241 Patient should not be reviewed in ED prior to transfer unless Clinical Concern **Front Bays Phone Numbers** 21427 / 21428 On Arrival in Ward 220 **Hospital At Night** Ward 220 to Contact AMU Team 23888 08:30-21:00 - AMU Consultant Review 21:00-08:30 - HAN Team Review 1 - Management Plan to include Destination following Negative Swab 1 - Medical Review & Clerking on TRAK 2 - Kardex Completed 2 - Pathways for Other Specialities are as per AMU 3 - Ensure Viral Throat Swab Sent 3 - Completion of Jobs by ANP/FY on Ward Do not keep patients in the Hospital if they do not absolutely need to be in Hospital. In The Event of deterioration please contact Medical Team as Outlined Above

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