

NHS Shetland Appendix D – Patient Placement Plan

Respiratory/Isolation Pathway for Emergency Admissions

Expected date of Discharge (EDD) to be recorded in Track on admission to ward.

Admit surgical patients to Ward 1. Patients requiring isolation should be admitted to Ward 1 side rooms. If a side room is not available, patient can be placed in an empty bay. Only confirmed cases with the same infection can be cohorted together.

Admit medical patients to Ward 3. Patients requiring isolation should be admitted to Ward 3 side rooms or the 3 bedded bay. If a side room is not available, patient can be placed in an empty bay. Only confirmed cases with the same infection can be cohorted together.

If Ward 1 is full, then start to admit into Ward 3 beds. Inform Silver command and follow the bed escalation plan.
Organise Senior MDT review of elective surgery for next 24 hrs.

If Ward 3 is full, then start to admit into Ward 1 beds.
Inform Silver command and follow the bed escalation plan.

If both wards are full –the bed escalation plan will be triggered. Silver Command will agree if the winter plan surge capacity should be used and additional beds will be opened (see below). Triggering this plan means we will need to identify supplementary staffing to open additional beds – this is an internal major alert response and planned elective activities will need to be stepped down. Silver command (H&SCP) will be alerted as fast track discharges may be needed.

If Ward 1 and Ward 3 are both full then the 1-2 extra beds can be placed in HDU.
An urgent review of elective surgical and ambulatory care activity will be undertaken. Silver command will decide what planned care work can continue based on context.

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Side rooms should always be use for suspected or confirmed COVID.

Those with confirmed or suspected High Consequence Infectious Disease could be admitted to the isolation bay on ward 3. This room has negative pressure. IPCT advice should be sought.

Confirmed and suspected cases **cannot be cohorted together.**

2 suspected COVID pts **cannot be cohorted together**