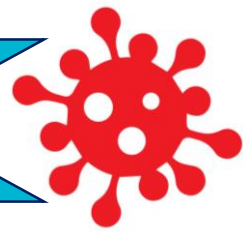


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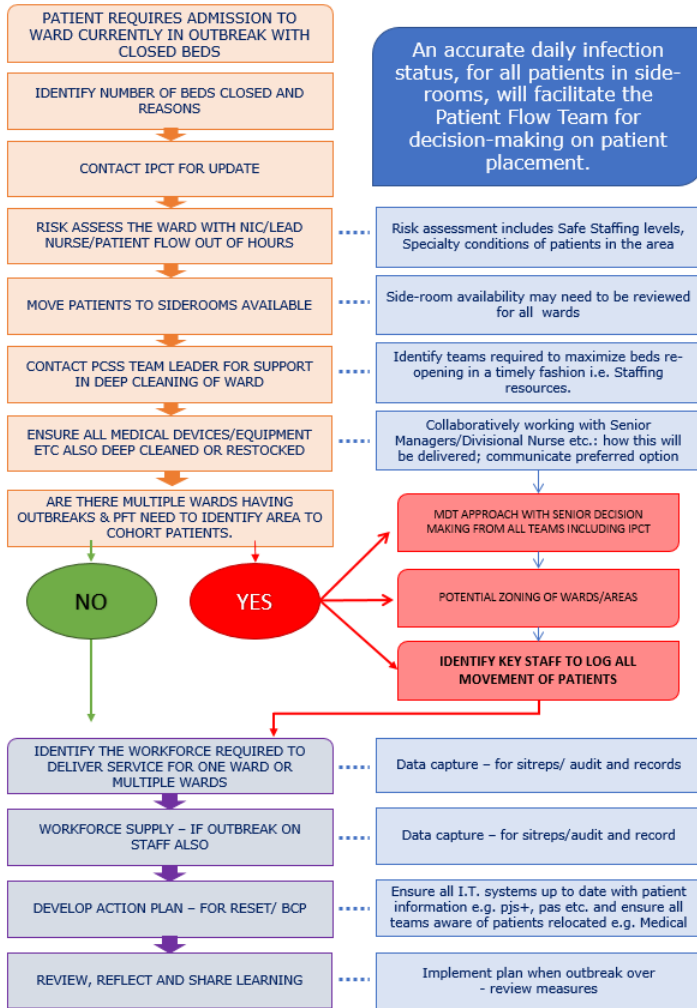
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'Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much'



Patient Flow During Covid-19

PRINCIPLES OF SAFE PATIENT PLACEMENT DURING OUTBREAK



The Patient Flow Teams strive to transfer patients to the right place, at the right time, for the right care, through our hospitals.

During Covid-19 this can be more challenging when outbreaks in wards prevent maximising our bed usage, impacting on Patient Flows.

This flowchart is designed to assist when an outbreak is declared on a Ward and in line with Infection Prevention and Control Teams will support decision making for safe placement of patients during Covid-19.

What does this mean for me?

Effective Teamwork

Having a shared purpose is the defining element of how effective we can be and only through strong links with all our staff, can the Patient Flow Service be successful, in delivering safe effective timely placement for our patients.

- Communicating to PFT the daily number of the discharges in your area and promoting timely assessments and referrals required to facilitate the discharge.
- Communicating to teams early, of any delays with your patients discharge
- Communicating to teams early of potential patients for discharges that require expediting of tests, imaging, diagnostics etc
- Collaboratively working together with your multi-disciplinary teams to enable the process of 'SAFER' care for all patients.
- Engage with our Team to prioritize and deliver safe, quality, compassionate care for our patients and clients, so that we can improve the experience for our patients.
- Engage with our Team of Senior Nurses, to develop a culture which promotes the values and behaviours of all BHSCT staff, supporting each other to achieve positive results and participate in best practice.



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Reflection...

How many beds do we need?

What can we do to facilitate early discharge?

Let's escalate delays to focus on timely discharge.

Every minute and every hour counts.



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Wash your hands regularly



Keep your distance



Wear a face covering



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