

Admission Flowchart for Adult Patients - Medicine

Patient Categorisation during COVID-19 Pandemic

Green		Red	
1 – Lowest risk	2 – Low risk	3 – Moderate risk	4 – Confirmed
No features of any other risk category	<p>Patients where clinical concern exists, but where suspicion is low.</p> <p>This includes patients without respiratory symptoms in when they have been in contact with a person with possible COVID-19 in the last 14 days</p>	Patients meeting case definition where clinical presentation felt suspicious, but alternative diagnosis exists	Clinical diagnosis (characteristic presentation or x-ray findings) or positive swab

Review/update of Risk Categorisation to be undertaken as part of each Clinical Review Any patients with loose stools – please ensure samples taken and patients isolated until results returned

Recording of Risk Categorisation to be recorded and updated as required on EPTS on the Infection Alert Icon

ALL WARD LEVEL AND INTER-WARD PATIENT MOVES MUST BE DISCUSSED AND AGREED WITH THE BED MANAGEMENT TEAM PRIOR TO BEING MADE.

Assessment Pathway: Management of Category 1-4 patients

Patient attends ED and is assigned a COVID-19 risk category (1-4)

Category 1 patients to AMUB

Category 2-4 to AMUA

Cat2 – side rooms first, then 2 in a bay
Cat 3s – 2 in a bay first, then side rooms
Cat 4s – 4 in a bay

AMUB MANAGEMENT

- Patient assessed and admitted to **GREEN** Ward as normal
- If patient is assessed as suspected COVID after admission to AMUB, then assign COVID-19 risk category (2-4) and move patient **WITHIN 1 HOUR** to Suspected COVID Cohort ward (or AMUA if no COVID Cohort ward capacity available). Close bed for cleaning and then re-open to admissions.

Category 2 onward management

Patients are admitted to category 2 bays on suspected covid cohort wa

On receipt of swabs

NEGATIVE SWABS

- Patient is clinically re-assessed or use of Category in the notes if updated on same day as result
- If remains as Cat 2 then admitted to a **GREEN** ward and managed as normal admission (see green ward management)

POSITIVE SWABS

- Positive patient is moved Cat 4/ confirmed COVID ward if they have not moved there already based on clinical diagnosis
- Rest of bay remains Cat 2 cohort bay

Cat 2 bay open to other Cat 2 admissions - see page 4 for capacity management and escalation

Category 3 onward management

PATIENTS ARE ADMITTED TO CATEGORY 3 BAYS ON SUSPECTED COVID COHORT WARDS

On receipt of swabs

NEGATIVE SWABS

- Patient is clinically re-assessed
- Management of bay and patient remains **YELLOW** due to clinical suspicion and false negative rate

POSITIVE SWABS

- Positive patient is moved Cat 4/ confirmed COVID ward if they have not moved there already based on clinical diagnosis
- Rest of bay remains Cat 3 cohort bay

Cat 3 bay open to other Cat 3 admissions - see page 4 for capacity management and

Category 4 onward management

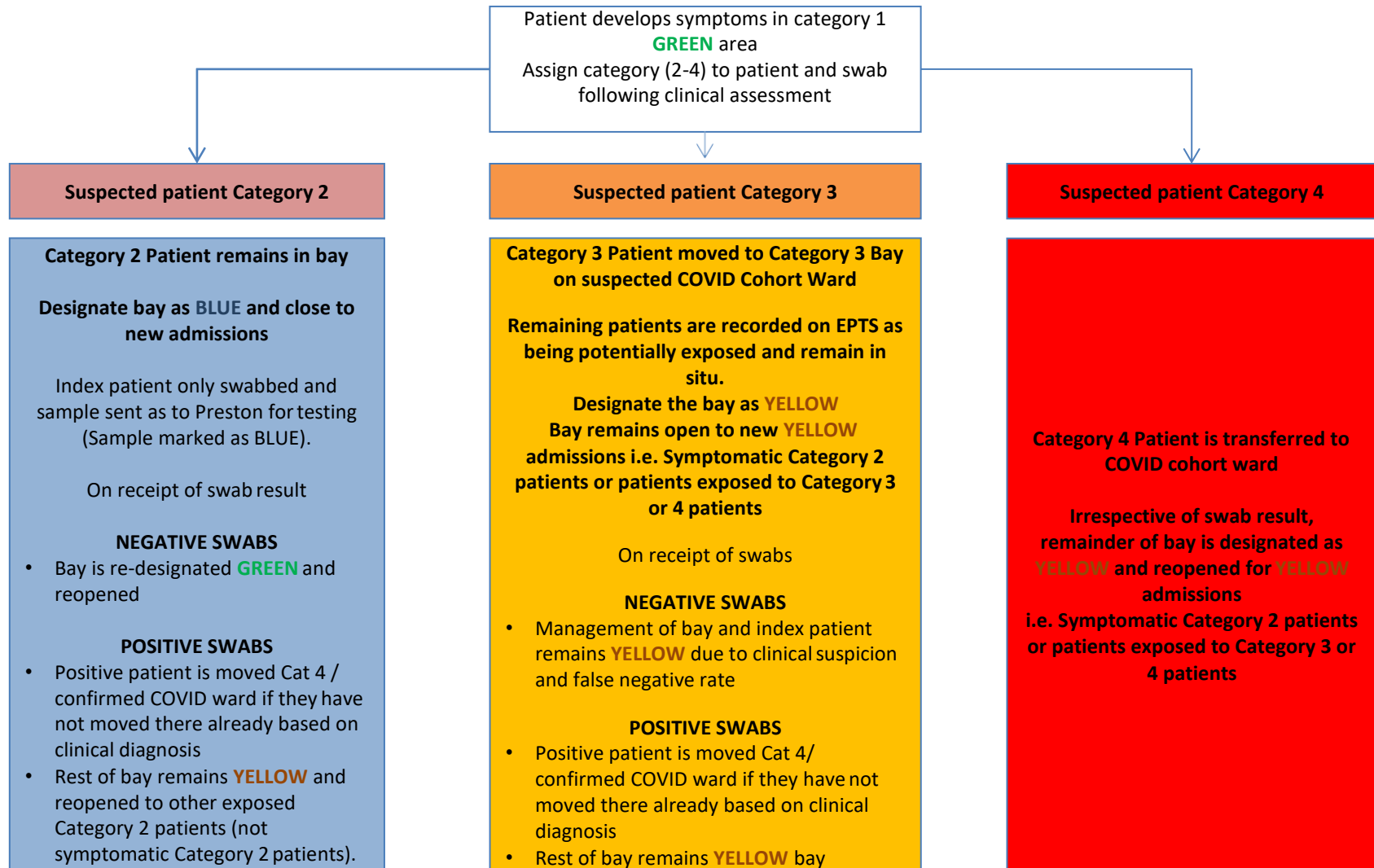
PATIENTS ARE ADMITTED TO CATEGORY 4 BAYS/WARDS

IRRESPECTIVE OF SWAB RESULTS PATIENTS WILL REMAIN TO BE MANAGED TOGETHER

Follow ending isolation pathway on page 6 when patient is ready

Cat 4 bays open to other Cat 4 admissions

Management of new symptomatic patients on Green Wards



Capacity Management & Escalation

Business as usual principles:

- Patient COVID-19 risk categories are to be reviewed and updated after every clinical contact on EPTS including details of swab result
- At the point a clinical diagnosis of COVID-19 is made and a patient is upgraded to Category 4, patients will be moved to fully utilised bays
- Number of patients in a bay will be dependant on escalation level (1-3) – guidance

	Capacity Management Category 1	Capacity Management Category 2	Capacity Management Category 3	Capacity Management Category 4
Escalation Level 1	Management of patients in the green category remains the same – standard use of bays	Option 1 - side rooms Option – 2 in a bay	Option 1 – 2 in a bay Option 2 – side room	Cat 4s in bays of 4
Escalation Level 2	Management of patients in the green category remains the same – standard use of bays	Option 1 - side rooms Option – 2 in a bay	Once Cat 4s are all in bays of 4 - cat 3s cohort 4 in a bay – exhaust base wards before AMU	Cat 4s in bays of 4
Escalation Level 3	Management of patients in the green category remains the same – standard use of bays	Once Cat 3 and 4s are all in bays of 4 - cat 2s cohort 4 in a bay – exhaust base wards before AMU	Once Cat 4s are all in bays of 4 - cat 3s cohort 4 in a bay – exhaust base wards before AMU	Cat 4s in bays of 4

Positive Patient (Cat 4) – Ending Isolation Pathway (Positive COVID-19 by Swab or by Clinical Designation)

