

## **Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 09 March 2020.

I am pleased to confirm the following.

- 1. A Male Patient has died on a general bay of a ward not placed in isolation can you please clarify how many patients were in contact with him? and have they all now been placed in isolation themselves? and have they all been screened for corona virus now?**

Other patients who shared the bay in the ward (five in total) were transferred to an isolation ward as a precautionary measure

- 2. Have all nursing and medical staff looking after this patient been put into self-isolation for 14 days can you please clarify if they have all been screened for corona virus?**

Yes

- 3. Have all members of all the ward staff been placed in self isolation and swabbed for corona virus?**

The Trust follows NHS England's Guidelines -

<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.england.nhs.uk%2Fcoronavirus%2Fsecondary-care%2Fother-resources%2Fspecialty-guides%2F&data=02%7C01%7CFoi.PublicationSchemeCo-ordinator%40mkuh.nhs.uk%7Cd433896f536d404a032708d7dc4ff3c1%7Ce96dd0a15d474a949e4a5c1056daa82c%7C0%7C0%7C637220108254232296&sdata=DbTjdag%2FFwH7br%2BVEg1A%2FiRBDtwk1mvZtwww6Vsm3vo%3D&reserved=0>

- 4. Does the Trust have a new infection control policy for corona virus? other than the normal infection control policy? If so, could you please provide me with a copy of this policy.**

Please see the answer to Q3 above

- 5. Does the Trust have an isolation pod in A and E for immediate assessment of perceived corona virus patients? Will all staff working within the pod be routinely screened for corona virus?**

Yes

**6. Does the Trust have a new mandatory training module for corona virus other than the normal infection control mandatory training?**

Yes

**7. How much money has the Trust spent on PPEs and other equipment such as biohazard suits in the past four calendar weeks? for the use infection control and the care of corona disease patients?**

This information is exempt under Section 22 – Information intended for future publications

**8. Can you please clarify if Bank nurses only working on a nursing bank contract be expected to care for corona virus patients?**

Yes they are

**9. Are there any infection disease units within the Trust?**

No

**10. Are there always nursing staff and DRs on standby dressed in biohazard suits waiting for the immediate assessment of corona disease Patients?**

We have and continue to follow all national guidance in the identification and management of patients with suspected COVID-19. This includes when to test and when to isolate patients as a precaution against the possible spread of infection. We have stringent infection control protocols in place; and work closely with national agencies, including Public Health England, to ensure we are doing everything possible to safeguard all those using the hospital at all times. Staff are provided with the Personal Protective Equipment that is required by the nature and location of their work, in accordance with national and local infection control protocols.

**11. Can you please clarify how and why a patients was left and nursed within a normal bay with other patients with the very high public profile about the signs and symptoms of corona virus and will there be an urgent case review within the Trust?**

The Trust followed Public Health England guidance at the time in the care and management of this patient. Detailed information on the individual patient and their care is exempt under the Act (Section 40 - Personal Information).

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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Co-ordinator  
For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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