

## Caring for our PICU patients during Covid

Our PICU units are open for admissions, however due to quarantining protocols bed availability is more restricted and on admission we may use enhanced support nursing in order to keep your patient and our other patients and staff safe.

During these uncertain times we want to reassure you that we are accepting admissions whilst seeking to keep new and existing patients safe.

Important information regarding Covid-19 isolation protocols on admission

Due to the requirement to quarantine new admissions on arrival we may use Enhanced Support (ES) nursing in order to keep your patient and our other patients and staff safe.

This may be decided during the initial assessment, based for example on the patient's cognitive or behavioural ability to remain within their bedroom. Alternatively ES may be deemed to be appropriate following admission if the patient refuses or is unable to comply with isolation protocols.

Patients will remain quarantined for 6 days following their first negative swab test result, after which they will be tested again and removed from quarantine if clear. If ES is felt to be necessary there will be a charge. ES will be reviewed regularly throughout this period.