



****IMPORTANT UPDATE****

USE OF PPE - FACE MASK WEARING REQUIREMENTS

Distribution: All Staff | EHS & PCR

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This is an important message regarding the use of PPE at the Fracture Clinic and in IAS Host Sites, based on changes publicised nationally regarding mask wearing.

Each staff member will be required to wear a mask if:

- They are going to come within 2m of another person, be it work colleague or patient.

Patients entering IAS & PCR sites will be required to wear a mask at all times.

- If they do not have their own mask they must be given one.

It is important to note that:

- In the unlikely scenario of having to wear a mask it should not be taken on and off during a session. Once you have used it, it must be correctly removed and disposed of.
- You cannot use your own home made mask whilst on shift, please use the face masks provided at the site.

Currently the clinics are predominantly conducting consultations by phone; however please ensure the PPE rules are still being adhered to correctly. There are clear processes for the correct use of PPE and these are backed up by the attached guidance, on site signs and videos on how to use PPE on the Improving Access Services website:

<https://www.improvingaccessservices.co.uk/ehs-staff-resources>.

Everyone working at the IAS Host Sites and the Fracture Clinic is expected to be socially distanced at all times (except when examining patients) therefore the changes today are small.

You will need to continue to wear appropriate PPE for cleaning and for interacting with patients. It is imperative that these processes are followed due, of course, to the infectious risk but also to the fact that self-isolation would severely hamper our workforce and would impact on shift assignments, this could be especially impactful on our locum colleagues.

Please ensure that you are following the correct PPE procedures and if you are concerned that processes are not being followed or you have any questions, please contact us. Please also be considerate of other staff, we fully appreciate that it is easy to accidentally come too close to colleagues or forget to wear adequate PPE but the rules are in place to protect everyone. We want to ensure that our workforce remain safe at work.

Thank you.