



**\*\*IMPORTANT UPDATE – 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020\*\***  
**FACE MASK WEARING REQUIREMENTS AT PCR**

**Distribution:** All Staff | PCR

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**This is an important update to the previous message sent out on 15<sup>th</sup> June regarding the use of PPE at the Fracture Clinic.**

Following advice from BSUH with respect to the Fracture Clinic site, all staff are now required to wear face masks when not in a room on their own i.e. outside of the remote consultation rooms.

Please use the masks provided and not your own.

**Receptionists** will be required to wear masks at the reception desk and when moving around the fracture clinic. One mask can be used for your whole shift / session (No more than 6 hrs).

**GPs** please be mindful to plan your shift / session to ensure you do not use excessive masks. (unless you wish to wear a mask for your whole session)

**All staff should follow the PHE guidance below:**

- A single session refers to a period of time where a health and social care worker is undertaking duties in a specific clinical care setting or exposure environment. (For GPs this would mean when leaving the remote consultation room)
- FRSMs are for single use or single session use (section 5.6: PHE. (2020) COVID-19: infection prevention and control guidance) and then must be discarded. The FRSM should be discarded and replaced and NOT be subject to repeated use in any situation

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**Surgical masks should:**

- cover both nose and mouth
- not be allowed to dangle around the neck after or between each use
- not be touched once put on
- be changed when they become moist or damaged
- be worn once and then discarded – hand hygiene must be performed after disposal

PHE (2020) *COVID-19: infection prevention and control guidance*. Available from: [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/893320/COVID-19\\_Infection\\_prevention\\_and\\_control\\_guidance\\_complete.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/893320/COVID-19_Infection_prevention_and_control_guidance_complete.pdf)

Many Thanks.