



## **COVID-19**

### **INFORMATION LEAFLET FOR PATIENTS AND RELATIVES/ESSENTIAL VISITORS**

Some patients in this ward have tested positive for COVID-19. Infection Control precautions have been put in place and the ward has been closed to admissions. For the period the ward is closed, visiting has been restricted to essential visiting only

#### **ADVICE to PATIENTS**

- Please wear a face mask unless you are eating, drinking or sleeping. This is most important if you are moving away from your bed space e.g. going to the toilet, or moving around the ward. If you are being cared for in a single room, you do not need to wear a surgical mask unless staff or visitors enter your room. The nursing staff will provide you with a suitable mask
- If you develop any symptoms please report this to nursing staff as soon as you can, symptoms include fever, sore throat, headache, loss of taste and or smell
- Please let the nursing staff know if anyone who has visited you in the past 2 weeks have any symptoms of COVID-19, are confirmed positive for COVID-19 or are awaiting a test result. The nursing staff may ask your visitor not to visit until the test result is available

#### **ADVICE TO RELATIVES/ESSENTIAL VISITORS**

- Please do not visit if you have any symptoms of COVID-19, these may include - fever, sore throat, headache, loss of taste and or smell
- Please decontaminate your hands using the alcohol gel provided on entering and leaving the ward, and wear a fluid repellent surgical mask at all times while in the ward. The nursing staff will provide you with a mask
- Speak to the nursing staff about virtual visiting.