



# Covid Medicine Delivery Unit

PLANNED INVESTIGATION UNIT

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# RECEIVE A REFERRAL

referrals can be duplicated on all 3 systems



# CONTACT PATIENT

## DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY

When was onset of symptoms?

- 5 day window

When positive swab obtained?

- Result has to be registered on the government website

How are they feeling?

- If they are beginning to feel better no referral is necessary

What makes them clinically vulnerable?

- See eligibility criteria for cohorts at 'highest risk' from COVID-19 in The DHSC Independent Advisory Group Report.

Collection of medication

- Are they able to have someone collect from PIU or will they need delivery via pharmacy (cut off time of 4pm)

# REFER TO MEDICAL DOCTOR

ACT ON OUTCOME / SAFE ADMINISTRATION OF TREATMENT

- ▶ Complete patient information form – blank template in covidvirtualward folder
- ▶ Send via email to doctor allocated
  
- ▶ Doctor will phone the patient, take comprehensive medical / medication history, confirm eligibility and prescribe relevant medication.
- ▶ Once prescription obtained, and delivered to inpatient pharmacy, staff will inform patient of a time that a friend / relative can collect from ward.
- ▶ If IV nMAB prescribed, send request to pharmacy, then arrange with the patient to attend PIU usually the next day for administration. Infection control measures adhered to.
- ▶ Paperwork to be completed, update tracker on covidvirtualward, admit / discharge on medway – discharge letter sent to GP.

# CONSTRAINTS

- ▶ Service should run each Monday, Wednesday and Friday but this is dependant on the availability of medical cover, also PIU is closed on bank holidays. In this case we would try and pick the referrals up on the next working day.