

13th November 2020

Please see email sent to friends and relatives from Ross.

1. Please note that with immediate effect all ventilated patients and trache patient will remain in their rooms with a few exceptions. Please note ventilator and trache patient can go out to sensory garden or activities patio for fresh air.
2. Continue to monitor all patients for any symptoms and isolate/ barrier nurse as required – please be extra cautious.
3. Please ask staff to follow the precautions in place and use appropriate PPE as needed. Please do not come into work if you feel unwell or have any symptoms.
4. We will be rolling out fit testing for staff in the coming days. If you have any concerns please speak to me or Gina.
5. Me and Gina will work with Charles and Adam to create specific timetable for activities so that patients are segregated as per ward from Monday. Senior Nurses – please identify patients who will continue to benefit from activities input.

I will attend ward handover meetings to answer any questions or concerns.

Kind regards

Rasheed

Dear friends and relatives,

Marie Therese House

I can confirm that we are dealing with a small number of CV-19 positive cases within the Marie-Therese House convent. If you are unfamiliar with the site, this is a separate building about 50m from the main hospital. Accordingly, additional infection prevention measures have been put in place, with all Sisters plus a member of staff self-isolating. We tested all the sisters and Marie-Therese House staff at the end of last week, and I can confirm that other results were negative.

Our staff groups are separate and we asked the MTH staff and sisters not to enter the hospital building (from Thursday of last week until further notice). Holy Cross Hospital is providing Covid-management support to the convent, as well as PPE, food and supplies. We are also liaising with Public Health England.

We don't have any concerns about patients within the main hospital but have increased our covid-risk assessment accordingly.

This means that for at least the next ten days we will be limiting patient and staff movement within the hospital, we will be suspending Outpatient Physiotherapy services next week for one week, and our ward teams will pay particular attention to any signs of Covid-19 (such as a raised temperature) and will carry out testing and barrier nursing if needed.

I realise that this news will be unsettling, but we err on the side of caution with our protocols, as patient safety remains paramount.

Kind regards

Ross