



CAIS Residential Services and Salus Withnell Hall Rehab

COVID – 19 (Coronavirus) Admission Procedure

- Prior to entry to the building the corona virus screening tool must be implemented.
- Prior to entry to the building the patient must be asked again if they consent to the 7-day isolation period e.g. Strictly confined to a bedroom. A patient who does not give consent will be refused admission.
- All staff to greet a new admission at the door wearing PPE.
- All new admissions to be taken directly to an allocated bedroom to begin 7-day isolation period.
- The patient to be asked to wash their hands immediately.
- All belongings are to be taken directly to the bedroom and a staff member will conduct a bag search as per unit policy. Medication will be removed and placed into a plastic bag.
- Admission procedure and doctor consultation to be conducted in the patient's bedroom.
- If during the 7-day isolation period the patient becomes symptomatic, a further 7 days isolation will commence (e.g. symptoms start on day 3 of the initial 7-day isolation, a further 7 days = 10 days in total). Unit doctor/On-call doctor to be informed.
- If during the isolation period a symptomatic patient becomes acutely unwell the doctor/on-call doctor will be informed NHS guidelines for transfer to the allocated hospital as directed by NHS support. If an emergency 999 call is required for a patient the operator will be informed of the patient status.
- Any patient who refuses to stay in isolation will be taken directly home and advised to remain in isolation for 7 days.
- Any patient who wishes to leave isolation outside of office hours will be asked to immediately leave the building. On-call manager to be informed. A patient leaving the building who is symptomatic will be reported to the appropriate authorities (On-call manager will provide guidance to staff). In all cases of untimely discharge where the patient does not have symptoms, the patient must be advised to self-isolate at home for a period of seven days. Those patients who leave the building with symptoms must be advised to self-isolate for a further seven days. If the patient lives with others, advise that members of the household should self-isolate for 14 days. All patient advice to be documented in the patient record.