**Sessional Use Of Full Length Gowns and FP3 Masks in high risk CoVid Cohort areas**

* Label bays, side rooms, corridors, treatment rooms, nurse's stations as "clinical" areas. "Non-clinical" areas are only staff kitchen/rest areas and changing room(s).
* **Staff must use gowns when attending to a patient. Once donned, the gowns remain on the staff member until their next break. Breaks are typically every 4-6 hrs.  Plastic aprons and gloves must be changed between patients, but gowns should be worn for sessional use. We anticipate approximately 2-3 gowns will be used per staff member per 12 hr shift.**
* **Staff doff only when going from the clinical to a non-clinical area of the ward, or when leaving the ward for a break.  If leaving ward with a patient to transfer them to another (red) area the current gown (and FFP3 mask) is retained.**
* **Medical staff should remain in PPE for sessional use, and use computers/ retain notes in clinical areas to help minimise entering and exiting bays unnecessarily.**
* All staff must socially distance when in non-clinical areas for breaks, which should be staggered so that fewer people are in rooms concurrently; when moving from non-clinical areas, only don gown if physically attending to or examining patient.
* Non-ward staff should be instructed not to don a gown if entering the clinical area unless attending to/examining a patient. They should however wear aprons (*and gloves/masks ?)* and always undertake hand hygiene.
* The only patients for whom gowns needed to be changed are those identified with C.difficile/diarrhoea, or if known to be colonised with MRSA/MDRO.