

## Pathway for admission of new patients to HASU

Point of care testing for acute stroke patients is due to be prioritised which means a Covid result should be available pre transferring a patient to HASU, or will be available soon after transfer. However, in the meantime the following pathway exists to ensure the safe management of new admissions to HASU.

Potential patient with stroke in ED requiring admission to HASU



1. Patient admitted to a side room on HASU until Covid swab is back and HASU team are happy for the patient to be moved to Solomon or Donald Hall
2. If no side room is available on HASU, then the new patient should be admitted to a side room on Baily with the same plan as above. If necessary a member of the nursing staff could be swapped with HASU if there are concerns regarding the nursing management of the patient
3. If there are no side rooms on HASU or Baily, but there is an empty bed on Solomon, a male patient can be moved from Donald Hall to Solomon and the new patient (male or female) should be admitted to Donald Hall. This means that if the new patient does come back with a positive Covid swab only 4 other patients on the ward will have been exposed (rather than 9 on Solomon)
4. If none of the above options are available the patient should be admitted to a suitable ward in the hospital where they will be reviewed by the stroke team and transferred to HASU if appropriate once the Covid swab is back.