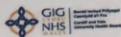


Referral pathway for COVID-19 positive ward patients to intensive care



THE 2222 PATIENT EMERGENCY ALGORITHM

Before you telephone **2222** you **MUST** understand the nature of the emergency and the response that is required.

There are now three categories of emergency, which are:

1. A COVID-19 positive patient who has deteriorated and requires emergency intubation.
2. Cardiac arrest.
3. All other emergencies e.g. peri-arrest and high NEWS.

The operator will ask up to two questions to ascertain what response is required.

The first question that the switchboard operator will ask is:

"Is this a COVID-19 patient that requires intubation?"

If you respond '**yes**' the operator will page the MERIT team.

If you respond '**no**' then the operator will ask you:

"Is the patient in cardiac arrest?"

If you respond '**yes**' then the operator will page the adult resuscitation team and the anaesthetist.

If you respond '**no**' then the operator will page the adult resuscitation team **BUT** not the anaesthetist (this will be for peri-arrests and high NEWS).