Patients: Wearing of masks

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Escalation process – to be followed for all patients with capacity

Nurse caring for the patient asks that they can wear a mask
(if clinically appropriate)

Patient agrees

Yes

No further action

No

Nurse informs Nurse in Charge (NIC) NIC speaks to the patient explaining the reasons for this: Safety of themselves, other patients, staff, and government recommendations

Patients still declines

- NIC document in patient records
- Informs the Matron

Matron speaks to patient re-iterating the above

- Patient declines
- Matron fully documents in patients records

For all patients who are unable to wear masks due to:

Clinical Conditions, Dementia, Limited capacity, learning difficulties etc.

Place document clearly in the patient records at the beginning of each shift