

# Decision Making Tool Regarding Deteriorating or Critically Ill Patients with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19

## 1. Are hospitals accepting admissions and, if so, do they have criteria?

Current procedure for Bristol & South Glos prisons is to contact Southmead Hospital 0117 950 5050 and speak to the Medical Hub.

For HMP Erlestoke, contact Salisbury Hospital 01722 336 262 and speak to Medical Admissions.

## 2. Can prison facilitate escort?

Discuss with Oscar1

YES to both

Consider if there is a completed DNACPR/ReSPECT form

NO to either

### Discuss with GP/senior to consider:

#### 1. Is admission appropriate/does the patient meet hospital criteria?

Consider the patient's Charlson score and co-morbidities.

Consider the reason for their deterioration – is it treatable on site (may not be COVID-19 related)?

If admission is appropriate, call 999 (ensure operator aware this is a suspected Covid-19 case) and send to area as directed by HUB.

1. Discuss with patient. If there is any conflict regarding care, discuss with at least one other colleague and document decision-making process and opinions of all those consulted.

2. Consider move to cohort area for management/care as per prison plan.

3. If deteriorating but not yet palliative, contact GP/ACP to consider prescribing doxycycline (or erythromycin if penicillin-allergic) as per BNSSG guidance.

4. DNACPR/ReSPECT form to be completed.

5. If deteriorating/palliative, ensure **End of Life medications** are prescribed.