

Sent on behalf of Dr Anjula Mehta, Interim Unit Medical Director

*****COVID-19: HEALTHCARE STAFF TESTING*****

Dear colleagues,

We have been asked to mobilise the Community Testing Unit (CTU) to test healthcare staff who are currently self-isolating. The criteria for testing is as follows;

Categories of healthcare staff to be tested initially:

1. Acute Medical Assessment Units
2. Emergency Departments
3. Critical Care Units / Intensive Care Units
4. **Primary Care**

The **current** criteria for testing is;

1. Must be self-isolating
2. Symptomatic for 3 days or more

Asymptomatic staff currently self-isolating due to a symptomatic family member are not currently being tested.

Health Board employees: Please contact your line managers to log your self-isolation with them and contact Occupational Health to be triaged for testing as per criteria above.

Independent Contractors: From 1000 on Thu 19/3/20 - Please contact the Primary Care Assessment Hub on **01639 862757** to declare your self-isolation status and to be triaged for potential testing. The phone line will be available for **0900 – 1700 every day** whilst testing is ongoing. We are currently prioritising **General Practitioners and Community Pharmacists who are self-isolating.**

Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

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