

Two members of our ward staff from St Anthony's floor tested positive yesterday from a Lateral Flow Test (LFT). They are now isolating while awaiting the outcome of PCR testing.

Today, we will PCR test all staff, patients and sisters.

All staff are required to take LFT tests before commencing work. Those working in clinical areas will need to wear FFP3 masks (changed between shifts).

Rasheed will update you shortly on other precautionary measures. Can senior staff please assist newer staff with our ward protocols.

We have also taken the necessary decision to suspend patient visiting with immediate effect across both wards, so we can evaluate the situation. This is part of a range of actions to limit risk. At the current time there is a high likelihood that visiting will remain suspended over Christmas. It goes without saying that we are extremely sorry to provide this information to you and to relatives/patients.

It won't be until the middle of this week before we know whether (or not) we have onward transmission.

Please remain alert and work safely.

Kind regards

Ross White....