

## APPENDIX 22: SARS STAFF CHANGING PROTOCOL

### Overall Considerations

- Staff uniforms are not considered as PPE.
- All staff to be provided with training in respect to PPE and requirements for scrub suit use.
- Suitable supply of scrubs and shoes for designated clinical areas to be reviewed as part of Trust contingency plans
- Staff accommodation and dining facilities need to be considered for designated SARS facility.

### All A&E Departments

- Trusts must identify and designate a separate staff changing facility with showers and toilet provision for use by A&E Staff should a potential SARS patient present.
- Where there is no readily available area within the immediate vicinity, an adjacent facility should be designated for staff changing, showering and WC use. It is preferable that staff changing areas should have clean/dirty areas identified.
- Personal Protective Equipment shall be worn by healthcare workers on top of normal workwear.
- All A&E staff must shower and change before returning home
- Normal workwear should be treated as potentially infected and laundered as infected linen.
- Footwear should be considered as contaminated and be cleaned before returning home using alcohol wipes.

**Regional Infectious Diseases Unit/  
Designated SARS Hospital**  
Patients meeting the case definition for SARS will be transferred to the Regional ID Unit or designated SARS hospital.

- Trusts shall identify and designate a staff changing area adjacent to the designated ward area with showering and toilet facilities. It is preferable that the staff changing area should have clean/dirty areas identified.
- Scrub suits to be worn by all staff which will replace uniform.
- PPE to be worn by all staff and visitors within the affected area (depending on restrictions in force for visitors)
- Shoes worn in the designated area should be considered as contaminated and must not be taken out of the area. Trusts should consider how they will handle this issue in their contingency planning.
- All staff must shower and change before returning home

### Designated SARS Hospital

In the event of multiple SARS presentations, referral to a designated SARS Hospital, will be necessary.

- Scrub suits to be worn by all staff throughout the Hospital and visitors (depending on restrictions in force for visitors).
- Trusts shall identify separate changing areas with shower and toilet facilities as follows: -
  - A changing area for all staff who should change on arrival and shower and change before departure.
  - A changing area for the designated care staff adjacent to the designated clinical area - scrub suits and PPE in use.
  - A changing area for visitors. Visitors should follow changing procedures for staff including PPE and scrub suits.
- Shoes worn in the designated area should be considered as contaminated and must not be taken out of the area. Trusts should consider how they will handle this issue in their contingency planning.