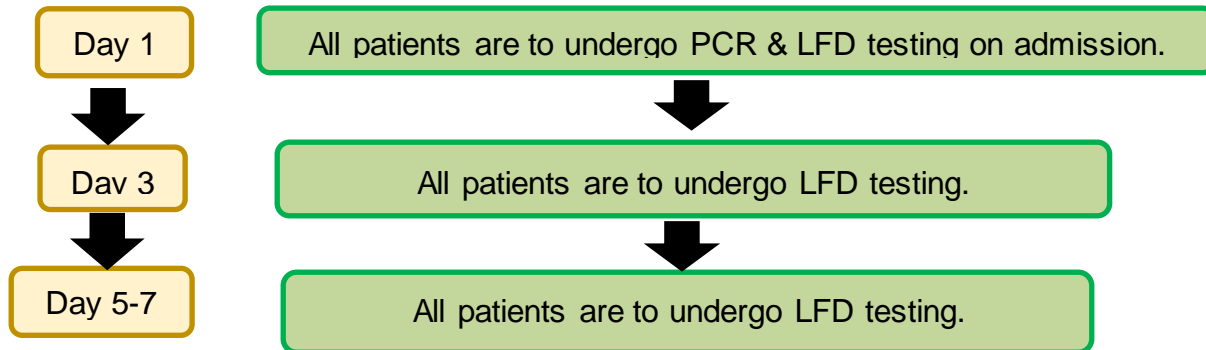


Flow Charts for patient testing and management-COVID-19

Swabbing Pathway for Patients

All LFD/PCR swabs taken & the accompanying results are to be recorded on RiO in-line with Quality care and for national reporting



Weekly PCR testing for clinically vulnerable patients only

In addition to the above tests, a weekly PCR testing is to continue for clinically vulnerable patients only. All other patients are no longer required to have a routine weekly PCR swab.

Please refer to guidance on identification and management of clinically vulnerable patients



Guidance for identification and r

PCR testing for symptomatic patients

A PCR test should also be carried out for any patient who develop symptoms at any time.

Recording the swabs and the results on Rio

COVID-19 Swab Record

Client ZZTEST, Dummy Patient (Ms) - 1024059

Date/time

Admission/Referral x Clear

i On admission please do both a PCR and point of care test, and further point of care tests on day 3 and day 5-7. Patients who are clinically vulnerable to infection should continue to have weekly PCR testing.

i If patient refuses or you are unable to collect a COVID-19 swab then complete a datix and inform infection control at elft.infectioncontrol@nhs.net

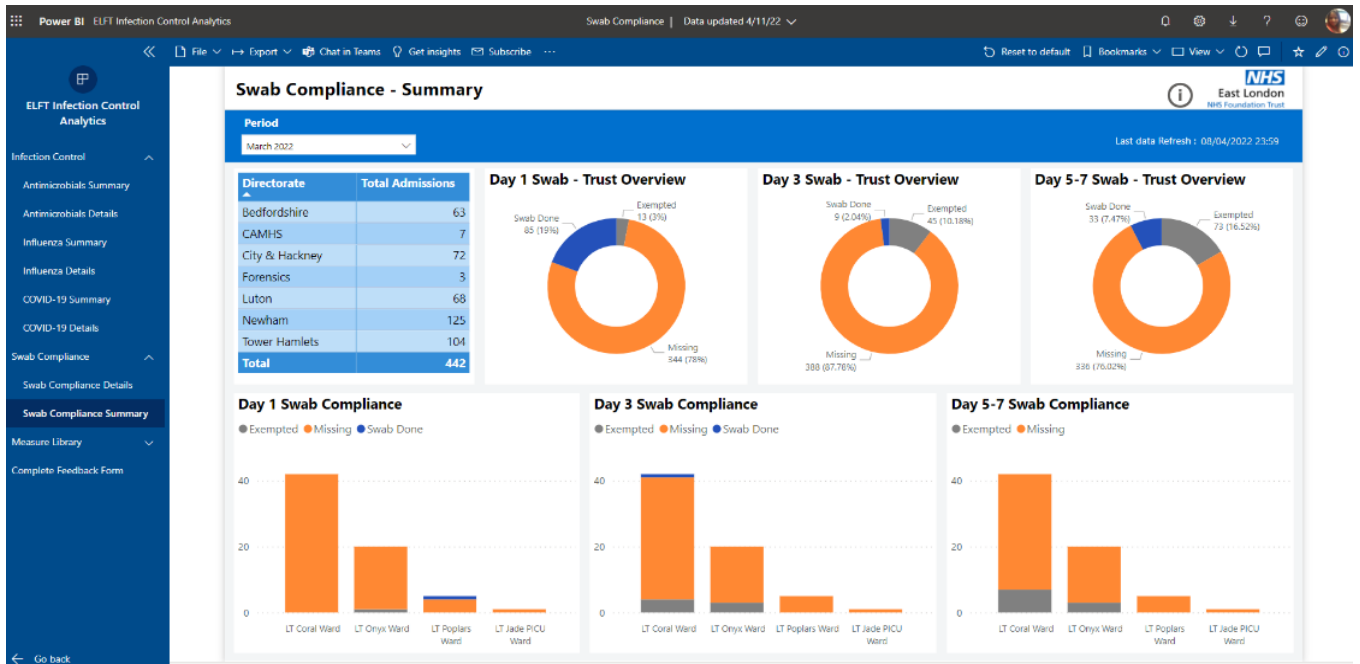
i Please enter details of swabs taken or refused in the following table. NOTE: you must use the blue "Add" button to the right of each row to record the data entered in that row.

Date	Swab status	Swab type	Result	Result date	Next swab due	Action
<input type="text" value=""/>	Weekly swab carried out ▼	Laboratory PCR ▼	Please Select ▼	<input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="text" value=""/>	Add

Pulling ward and directorate reports

Individual lead nurses & ward managers should access the IPC Power BI dashboard to monitor recording of swabs taken & results for their directorates and wards.

Access to the dashboard can be requested from the IT portal as & when necessary



Management of Service users with Covid-19 Infection

Service users who develop COVID-19 symptoms or test positive on polymerase chain reaction (PCR) or lateral flow devices (LFD) test must be isolated. They can end their isolation early on day 7, provided that they have 2 consecutive negative LFD results taken on day 6 and day 7, 24 hours apart.

Ending isolation early (on day 7) using LFD test

Isolation days are counted from the day after the swab was taken or initial symptoms.

Service users should isolate ideally in single rooms with en-suite facilities

To end isolation service user must be asymptomatic & undertake LFD Testing

Day 6 LFD Test is negative

Continue isolation & take another LFD Test on Day 7.

Day 7 LFD Test is negative

The service user can end isolation if the LFD is negative & the service user is asymptomatic. Please also notify elft.infectioncontrol@nhs.net

Day 6 LFD Test is positive

The service user must isolate for 10 days.

All patients on a ward with a positive case or outbreak must have physical health assessment to identify those who are clinically vulnerable to infection if not already known. Manage patients as per the [guidance for identification and management of clinically vulnerable patients](#)



Managing patients Contacts of COVID-19

Service User / Patient identified as a contact due to exposure

Inpatient/service-user exposure

Contact IPC department
elft.infectioncontrol@nhs.net for
support with risk assessment

Inter-ward transfer of contacts are to be discouraged

Is patient symptomatic?

No

Yes

Contacts can be discharged home
& to another health
& social care
facilities

Can be allowed leaves
and visitors

Symptomatic patients are to be encouraged
to isolate. Take a PCR test for COVID-19.
Manage as though positive until the result of
the test.

Any vulnerable patients on the ward are to
be protected from ongoing exposure.

Patients can be discharged home if
well enough. They may receive
visitors if necessary