



**The Leeds
Teaching Hospitals**
NHS Trust

Important changes to your treatment during the Coronavirus Pandemic

Information for patients
having non-surgical
treatment

There are some additional risks to both patients and healthcare workers during this period. We have made new arrangements to greatly reduce these risks – please read this information carefully and feel free to ask questions.

We have arranged to treat patients in hospital as normally as possible - we are using different areas within the hospital as dedicated **'clean zones'**. This means that we are keeping people away from other people as much as possible. Please be aware that staff may be wearing a lot of protective clothing **'PPE'** which can look a little intimidating. (See picture).

In recommending treatment, we have carefully weighed up the risks and benefits to you, taking into account any additional risks. These risks are real – doctors, nurses and patients have unfortunately died of pneumonia caused by coronavirus. These measures are to help reduce the risks and should be highly effective if you comply with them.

The risks of coronavirus infection will also be mentioned on your consent form.



There are new measures we have put in place to ensure your safety:

- We are asking you to strictly adhere to a quarantine period; which will be advised when we contact you to arrange your procedure. Do not leave home and do not mix with anyone who does not already live with you.
- We will arrange two coronavirus swab tests (a few days apart) before your attendance. This is to confirm that you are not suffering from the virus.
- In the unlikely event that we detect coronavirus or lung changes, it is likely that your treatment will be put back by 2-3 weeks. We will continue to discuss your treatment options with you.

Unfortunately, you will not be able to bring a relative or friend with you. You will have to arrange to be dropped off and picked up, there will not be anywhere for people to wait for you.

There is a list of symptoms you must tell us about as soon as you develop them - we will also check these when you come into hospital.

Have you had a:

- new dry persistent cough in last **seven** days?
- raised temperature or fever in last **seven** days?
- sore throat in last **seven** days?
- Have you been self-isolating with a household member with any of these symptoms in the last **14** days?

Your Nursing Team Contact Number:



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