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REQUEST

1. As a trust, what protocols do you have in place for managing patients to prevent infection in the patient pathway?
2. Do you have a policy for routine testing for bacterial infections a) in all patients b) in high risk patients only?
3. Do you have a policy for routine testing for viral infections a) in all patients b) in high risk patients only?
4. Is isolation the protocol for high risk patients? If not, please can you confirm what protocols are in place.

RESPONSE

Q1 IPC Policy in use. Also, alerts on IT systems highlight previously known patients with designated infections that are then isolated for each presenting admission for duration of stay.

Q2. Yes, a) routine screening takes place for all patients who are admitted to STHK Hospitals.

Q3. Screening for viral infections is undertaken in those patients who present with signs & symptoms of likely viral illness.

Q4; Contact Isolation is routine for all patients transferred from other hospitals until screen results available & are negative.

Isolation for all persons admitted if designated CPE Risk until 3 negative screens available.

Isolation as IP Policy 4 for all persons with known Infection Alerts on Medway (IT system).