## Respiratory Failure Pathway in ceiling (not for intubation) patients at SWBH - Non COVID

(This pathway is valid for the period from April 2022 to October 2022 - pilot NAT nurses at city hospital)

## Sandwell Hospital - NIV





Check the availability of ring fenced bed at AMU.

If no bed available in AMU - NIV will be initiated immediately in ED with the help of CCOT and then transfer to AMU

If bed available in AMU - Transfer the patient to AMU and initiate NIV by CCOT and handed over to AMU nurses.

Transfer to Respiratory Hub as soon as the patient is stable\*\*

Transfer within 24 hours (Audit standard 95%)

Inform NIV alert team nurse or resp hub coordinator at Respiratory hub and give patient details.

AMU team to arrange Ambulance for transfer. Check the availability of Ambulance the earliest. and - NIV should be initiated within 120 min of hospital arrival for patients who present acutely.

\*\*Definition of stable NIV that can be transferred from Sandwell to Respiratory Hub:

Improvement in acidosis (pH equal to or greater than 7.35) & 1. Clinically stable for > 4 hours 2. Respiratory rate <24 breaths/min 3. Heart rate <110 beats/min 4. H+ < 45 nmol/lit (on ABG) 5. Spo2 >88% on 4L oxygen when on NIV (Any deviation from 1-5 would need input of senior clinician)

> NAT - NIV Alert Team Nurse bleep: 5192 (Available 8am to 8pm Monday to Sunday) Respiratory Hub coordinator: 07817087237 (Contact after 8pm till 8am) Critical care outreach bleep: 6234 Respiratory Reg bleep: 6517





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