



**RISK ASSESSMENT TOOL FOR PATIENTS BEING DISCHARGED FROM A WARD / AREA CLOSED OR AFFECTED BY SUSPECTED OR CONFIRMED VIRAL GASTROENTERITIS**

No	CURRENT PATIENT ASSESSMENT	POSSIBLE OUTCOMES	
1	Has the patient had symptoms of viral gastroenteritis and is now in excess of 48 – 72 hours <b>symptom free</b>	<b>YES</b>	Patient may be discharged if medically fit to any care setting or own home If other care setting or care package please inform relevant health care provider Inform patient if their symptoms recommence and they require medical advice (e.g. out of hours) to inform GP/health care professional of their recent admission
		<b>NO</b>	Refer to point 2
2	Has the patient had symptoms of viral gastroenteritis & remain symptomatic or is not yet 48 hours symptom free	<b>YES</b>	Patient may be discharged if medically fit to own home if no other household member 'at risk' e.g. member of household undergoing regular dialysis, awaiting transplant surgery, on chemotherapy/radiotherapy or to a house where there is a newborn (less than 3mths) Patient may be discharged if medically fit to other NHS ward settings as long as this is to a single room with on suite facilities and agreed with the local Infection Prevention and Control Team Patient may be discharged if medically fit to own home with care package, including intermediate care no other household member 'at risk' e.g. member of household undergoing regular dialysis, awaiting transplant surgery, on chemotherapy/radiotherapy or to a house where there is a newborn (less than 3mths)
		<b>NO</b>	Patient must not be discharged, even if medically fit to residential care facility. Refer to point 3
3	Has the patient remained symptom free since ward closure	<b>YES</b>	<b>(Patient potentially incubating)</b> Patient may be discharged if medically fit to own home if no other household member 'at risk' e.g. member of household undergoing regular dialysis, awaiting transplant surgery, on chemotherapy/radiotherapy or to a house where there is a newborn (less than 3mths) Patient may be discharged if medically fit to other NHS ward settings as long as this is to a single room with on suite facilities and agreed with the local Infection Prevention and Control Team Patient may be discharged if medically fit to own home with care package, including intermediate care no other household member 'at risk' e.g. member of household undergoing regular dialysis, awaiting transplant surgery, on chemotherapy/radiotherapy or to a house where there is a newborn (less than 3mths) Patient may be discharged if medically fit to residential care facility only if planned and after discussion with CCG/Community IPC Lead. The patient must go to a single room with dedicated toileting facilities & the home must have facilities for decontamination of commodes/ bedpans or disposables etc.(not manually decontaminated).
		<b>NO</b>	Refer to above points 1 & 2, if unable to risk assess, contact infection control for advice

***IN ALL INSTANCES - send completed discharge letter for patients being discharged from an area affected by D&V or viral gastroenteritis (see IPC Intranet site) and file a second copy in the medical records***