

# YSBYTY SEREN MANAGEMENT OF ALL PATIENT CLOTHING AND PERSONAL ITEMS

### At Ward level:

 Speak to relatives and ask if they would like clothing and personal items returned.

#### If relatives would like items returned:

- Provide contact details, 01443 443042 and ask relatives to make contact to arrange collection.
- For items of clothing being returned, these should be placed in WHITE alginate bag and sealed.
- Wipe alginate bag down with Clinell wipes and place in white Hospital Property bag.
- If relatives would like personal items returned, wipe over any nonporous items with Clinell wipes and place them into a clean white Hospital Property bag.

## KEEP CLOTHING AND PERSONAL ITEMS IN SEPARATE WHITE HOSPITAL PROPERTY BAGS.

- Patients name should be placed on white Hospital Property bags.
- Prepare for collection by PALS.

### If relatives would like items destroyed:

Ward to manage following clinical waste processes.



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#### **Collection Service:**

- Agree collection time with relative and ward.
- Arrive at ward with trolley, wearing gloves and plastic apron.
- Confirm that clothing items have been placed in WHITE alginate bag, sealed, and placed in white Hospital Property bag.
- Check patients details are correct.
- Ask member of ward staff to place Hospital Property bags in trolley.
- Take to relative at agreed meeting point.
- Provide relative with advice sheet.
- Relative removes Hospital Property bags from trolley.
- Remove gloves and plastic apron and dispose.
- Wash hands.



# YSBYTY SEREN ADVICE FOR RELATIVES

We understand and appreciate that this is a very difficult time for you and your loved ones and we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting us whilst the visiting restrictions are in place.

The purpose of this leaflet is to provide you with important advice on how to manage the property that you have collected from the hospital.

### PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING ADVICE CAREFULLY BEFORE TAKING ANY FURTHER ACTION.

Please be aware that Public Health Wales guidance suggests that Coronaviruses (COVID – 19) can survive on inanimate objects and can remain viable under the right conditions for up to 5 days.

**The clothing items** being return to you have been placed in a sealed white alginate bag and a white plastic Hospital Property bag.

When you return home, discard the white plastic Hospital Property bag in your normal household refuge container.

Place the sealed white alginate bag with its contents of clothing directly into your washing machine and wash on a high setting – at least 60 degrees.

Wash your hands thoroughly after handling the bags.

### DO NOT REMOVE THE CLOTHING FROM THE WHITE ALGINATE BAG – THIS IS TO BE PLACED IN YOUR WASHING MACHINE WITH THE CLOTHING.

The personal items that have been returned to you have been wiped down with antibacterial wipes before being placed in the clean white Hospital Property bag.

We recommend that you also wipe non-porous items down with antibacterial wipes once they are removed from the white Hospital Property bag.

Then once again, wash your hands thoroughly.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Laundry Collection Service: 01443 443042 .