**Standard Operating Procedure Covid19 PPE in the Community**

1. **Introduction**

This document outlines the procedure to follow when visiting patients within the Community.

1. **Purpose/Scope**

This document will inform staff of the procedure for donning and doffing PPE whilst doing home visits within the Community.

1. **PPE Required**

A disposable, fluid repellent surgical gown or standard apron, gloves, eye protection, a standard surgical mask unless doing an aerosol generating procedure, infectious waste bags (Orange), Hand wipes and alcohol gel. If you are carrying out an AGP please refer to [Standard Operating Procedure for PPE](https://www.leedsandyorkpft.nhs.uk/our-services/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2020/04/Standard-Operating-Procedure-for-PPE-COVID-19-WITH-CHART-v2.docx).

1. **Process**

* Decontaminate hands with alcohol hand gel.
* Put on PPE inside the house (donning).
* **KEEP MASK ON** and remove other PPE **INSIDE** the house and place into waste bag.
* Remove the mask at the door and place into the same waste bag with other PPE (doffing).
* Decontaminate hands with hand wipes and place in waste bag.
* Waste should be double bagged and sealed.
* Decontaminate hands with alcohol hand gel.
* Place waste bag in transport box UN3291 or UN3373.

1. **Management of Waste**

All waste associated with possible or confirmed COVID-19, including PPE, is Category B infectious clinical waste and requires safe disposal.

Waste should be double bagged in infectious waste bags (Orange) and transported back to base for disposal in compliance with Health Technical Memorandum 07-01: Safe management of healthcare waste (see ‘Management of Category B infectious waste in the community’ p.119 and ‘Transporting offensive or infectious waste from patients’ homes’ p.125.



