

Core brief

**Daily COVID-19 update
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Face Fit Testing Programme for FFP3 masks

The criteria for accessing the fit testing programme has been changed with immediate effect to ensure staff in aerosol generating procedure (AGP) areas are fitted with an appropriate FFP3 mask.

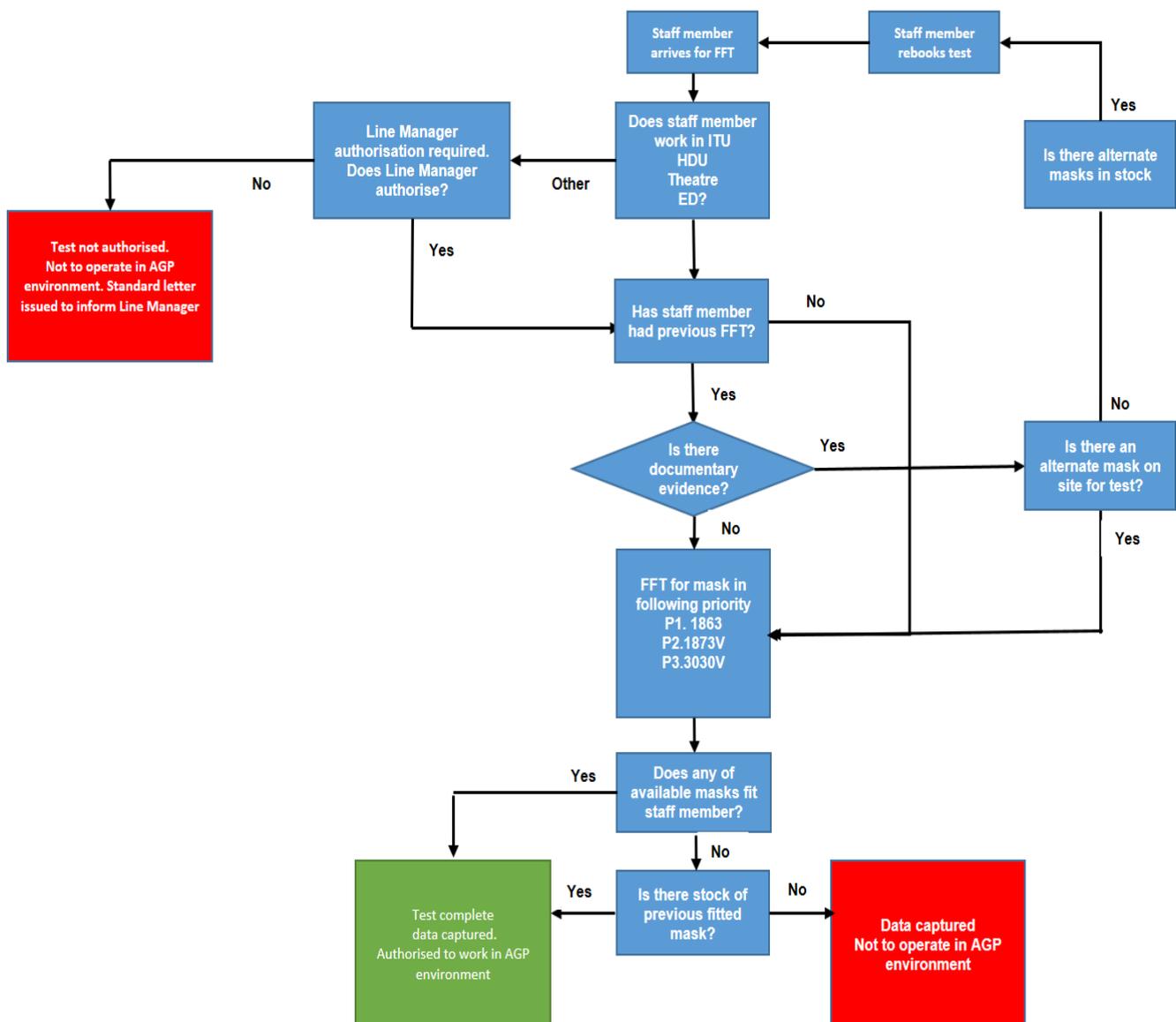
As the supplies of Alpha Solway Small and the 3M 8833 masks are very limited, these are being allocated on a named person basis only. This is enabling us to maintain stock supplies. National Procurement will be issuing NHSGGC with a new range of masks, however, at this moment we do not have an exact date of when these will be received. It is our intention to move staff from the Alpha Solway Small and 3M 8833 to the new supplies.

The fit testing process will now be on a priority basis with critical care/ED and Theatres being the highest priority areas. Staff working out with these priority clinical areas will require authorisation from their manager prior to being fit testing.

Fit testing to an Alpha Solway Small or a 3M 8833 will no longer be undertaken due to limited supplies. Staff in the priority areas who have not been fit tested previously to a 3M 1863 should book a slot for testing for this through the normal processes.

There may be staff who have failed all FFP3 masks available. In these circumstances staff **must** not participate in any aerosol generating procedures (AGP's) or enter a high risk area where these procedures are being undertaken.

Face Fit Testing Process Flowchart



Cavell Nurses Trust

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