

**To:** Hospital Executive Teams

**CC:** GD – Procurement & Supply, GM - Sourcing & Contracts

**From:** COO - Hospitals

**Date:** 23 March 2020

**Re:** **Temporary Arrangement – Scrubs for non-procedural areas**

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Dear all

Following a review of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) for staff working in high risk areas managing a high volume of potential and/or positive COVID-19 patients the following is in place;

**Emergency Department**

- Staff are permitted to wear hospital scrubs provided by Epworth HealthCare whilst working their designated shift

**All other areas**

- If deemed necessary by the nurse in charge of the shift - staff are permitted to wear hospital scrubs provided by Epworth whilst working their designated shift, if caring for a patient that is pending COVID-19 result or is COVID-19 positive

**Please note**

- **All scrubs are to be returned and laundered by the hospital and are not to be worn outside of the designated care area**
- **Please refer to your local team for the process of sourcing scrubs**
- This arrangement will be reviewed regularly during the pandemic to ensure appropriateness with infection prevention/PPE requirements

Kind regards

