

Covid-19: ENT Escalation Policy

This is intended as a guide. Each Trust will have an individual escalation plan, which you should adhere to.

Prevalence	Low	Medium	High	Very high
Impact	Normal winter pressure Business as usual	Limited ITU Limited beds	No ITU Theatre ITU pods No beds Emergency Discharges	Emergency surgery limited Isolation limited
Phase	Prepare to respond	Stop routines	Prioritise urgent	Major incident
Elective Operating	Normal except no vulnerable patients, e.g. ASA 1 only	Urgent and cancer only	All elective surgery stops	
Elective Clinic	Normal new patient Start reducing follow-up	Urgent and new cancer only No follow-up	Stop elective outpatient	