

**ACTION CARD – NURSE IN CHARGE (NIC) CRITICAL CARE  
FOR VIRAL HAEMORRHAGIC FEVER (VHF)**

**On receipt of phone call requiring nurses to provide critical care support for patients in ED/RIDU/ARU isolation room:**

1. Confirm information on patient risk assessment and discuss with Critical Care Consultant.
2. Allocate 2 nurses to be deployed to ED/RIDU/ARU, if staffing allows. (Ensure they have been PPE fitted and trained)
3. Locate all equipment, ready for transport to ED/RIDU/ARU if needed
  - Ventilator- Oxylog 3000 (ED will provide Oxylog 2000)
  - Mobile monitor
  - Ebola boxes
  - FFP3 masks (WGH) or Jupiter Hoods (RIE/SJH) for allocated staff
  - Ensure appropriate PPE available in ED/RIDU/ARU
4. Escalate:
  - In hours :
    - CNM for Critical Care
    - Chief Nurse for RIE/WGH/SJH as appropriate
  - Out of hours :
    - Bleep 1590 (RIE), 8100 (WGH)
    - Contact Consultant on-call for Critical Care and ensure an appropriate member of medical staff is deployed to ED/RIDU/ARU to assess and potentially deliver critical care to the patient.
5. Liase with ED/RIDU/ARU NIC regularly
6. Arrange staffing provision of PPE trained nursing staff for subsequent shifts