

Suspected Mpox Pathway for Patients who contact health services by phone or present at a community-based setting

Patient has been identified as requiring a clinical assessment to determine if they are a suspected case

Initial assessment of patient to determine whether they are clinically stable or require immediate intervention, in community/outpatient settings (e.g. WIC and community pharmacies)
 Patients should be isolated/socially distanced and a virtual assessment should take place (e.g. by phone) staff should not physically assess the patient without PPE

Assessment indicates patient is clinically stable and can remain at home (or return home via their own transport) whilst maintaining isolation

Patient should be advised to return home, maintain isolation and contact 111

111 pathway implemented

Assessment indicates patient is clinically unwell and should be transported by ambulance, or is unable to self-transfer whilst maintaining isolation

Advise the patient to dial 999 if urgent, or contact regional ambulance service to arrange transfer, clearly stating the patient is a suspected Mpox case

Emergency Department Pathway implemented

Links & Guidance

Operational Mpox case definition - including countries of risk

Mpox case definition

National Infection Prevention & Control Manual (NIPCM)

Addendum on HCID PPE

Preparedness Actions

- Providers to ensure that all clinical services are aware of the public health messaging and that a differential diagnosis of Mpox should be considered in any patient that meets the operational case definition
- Providers should review current IPC plans, PPE availability, waste management and staff training to ensure that arrangements are in place to safely assess and treat patients presenting with suspected Mpox
- Providers should review existing plans and clinical pathways ensuring that staff are aware of the arrangements for isolation, clinical management, specialist infection advice, PPE and associated infection control measures

Community based Mpox pathway checklist – probable or possible cases

	Tick
Where possible isolate/socially distance from the patient	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you assessed the patient's ability to self-transfer (maintaining self-isolation)?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Seek advice from local Infection Prevention & Control as required (e.g. cleaning requirements)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local IPC Guidance contact:	<input type="text"/>