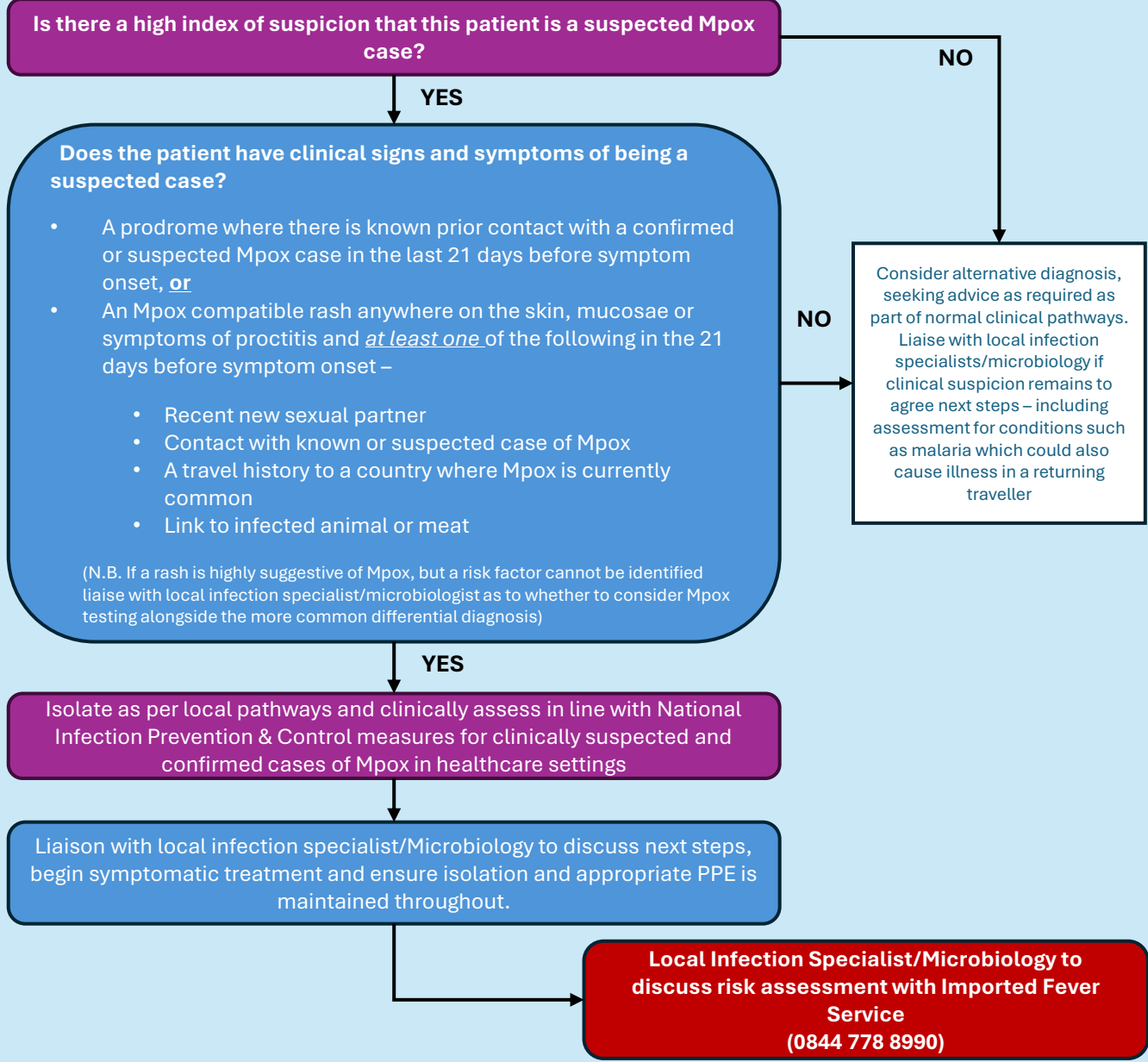


# Suspected Mpox Pathway for Patients self-presenting at Emergency Departments

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### Preparedness Actions

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- 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

### Emergency Department Mpox pathway checklist – probable or possible cases

	Tick
Have you isolated the patient?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you got access to the appropriate PPE (including donning & doffing procedures) to undertake a clinical assessment?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Speak to your Local Infection Specialist/Microbiologist for advice. Contact with the Imported Fever Service should be via your local infection specialist <b>ONLY</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Notify the relevant people in your department as per local pathways and agree clinical management plan whilst awaiting test results	<input type="checkbox"/>

# Suspected Mpox Pathway for Patients referred to ED for clinical assessment and testing by a Health Care Professional

**Patient has been identified as a suspected case of Mpox by a Health Care Professional (including designated medical contacts for Returning Workers)**

HCP should contact ED to agree arrangements for transfer (e.g. likely time of arrival, arrival point, what to do on arrival, including phone number to notify of arrival)

Assessment indicates patient is clinically stable and can transport themselves to attend ED via their own transport, whilst maintaining isolation

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

Confirm with patient arrangements for transfer –

- Maintain isolation
- Where to present
- Who to contact upon arrival

HCP to contact regional ambulance service to arrange transfer, clearly stating the patient is a suspected Mpox case

**Patient to be managed as per local pathways and in line with Suspected Mpox Pathway for Patients self-presenting at Emergency Departments**

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## HCP Referral Mpox pathway checklist – probable or possible cases

	Tick
Have you isolated the patient?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you assessed the patient's ability to self-transfer?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you confirmed transfer/arrival arrangements with the receiving department?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you confirmed arrangements with the patient, including a phone number to contact upon arrival	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

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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"/>
<b>Local IPC Guidance contact:</b>	<input type="text"/>

# Suspected Mpox Pathway for Patients self-presenting in Primary Care

Patient presents to primary care and is identified as at risk of possible Mpox

**Does the patient have clinical signs and symptoms of being a suspected case?**

- A prodrome where there is known prior contact with a confirmed or suspected Mpox case in the last 21 days before symptom onset, or
- An Mpox compatible rash anywhere on the skin, mucosae or symptoms of proctitis and at least one of the following in the 21 days before symptom onset –
  - Recent new sexual partner
  - Contact with known or suspected case of Mpox
  - A travel history to a country where Mpox is currently common
  - Link to infected animal or meat

(N.B. If a rash is highly suggestive of Mpox, but a risk factor cannot be identified liaise with local infection specialist/microbiologist as to whether to consider Mpox testing alongside the more common differential diagnosis)

**NO**  
Consider alternative diagnosis, seeking advice as required as part of normal clinical pathways

**YES**

**Isolate the patient in a treatment room with access to a phone and undertake a clinical assessment of the patient**

- Where appropriate PPE is available this can be done in person, where appropriate PPE is not available this should be done virtually
- Where suspected cases present in primary care, General Practitioners should isolate the patient in a single room and contact their local infection service for advice, including immediate precautions in the setting – clinical staff should wear face fit tested FFP3 masks, eye protection, long-sleeved fluid resistant gowns and gloves to provide care if immediately required.

**NO**  
Liaise with local infection specialists/microbiology if clinical suspicion remains to agree next steps – including assessment for conditions such as malaria which could also cause illness in a returning traveller

**YES**

**Follow the suspected case of Mpox identified by a Health Care Professional Pathway**

Local IPC Guidance contact:

[Redacted contact information]



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## HCP Referral Clade 1 Mpox pathway checklist – probable or possible cases

	Tick
Have you isolated the patient?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you assessed the patient's ability to self-transfer?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you confirmed transfer/arrival arrangements with the receiving department?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you confirmed arrangements with the patient, including a phone number to contact upon arrival	<input type="checkbox"/>
Seek advice from local Infection Prevention & Control as required (including cleaning)	<input type="checkbox"/>