

## **CF Auckland branch questions**

### **If people require a PICC line, how quickly can they be in and out of hospital?**

PICC lines may be quicker as currently hardly anyone is in hospital. Cath Lamont will do lung function tests in people's rooms and as per our 12 April update she'll be wearing personal protective equipment (PPE).

Discharge will be as usual, on seeing an improvement in symptoms as the team doesn't want anyone's future health to be compromised.

### **If someone hasn't done home IV treatment before is this an option?**

This will depend on the individual's situation; as always. However, the infuser bubbles are an excellent and easy mode of IV administration. The PICC lines still need to be removed at the end of IV treatment and can be discussed with Cath as the Auckland branch is far and wide and there are several options.

### **How is lung function going to be measured when PWCF aren't going to clinic?**

Where it's difficult to access someone over the phone / video call people may be asked to go to the Greenlane Clinical Centre lung function lab for a spirometry test.

Most clinics are doing telephone consults and only seeing those who can't be managed remotely. The time chosen for people to come to clinic is when no other patients will be there.

People are given a phone number to call when they arrive so they can be met by staff and go straight into the room. Health professionals will be dressed in PPE.

Cath also mentioned visiting isn't allowed at the moment in hospital, so just a reminder to people if they're admitted to bring in some entertainment, Zoom, WhatsApp etc to stay connected with people.

Information from the CFNZ website might also be helpful, especially around infection control

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