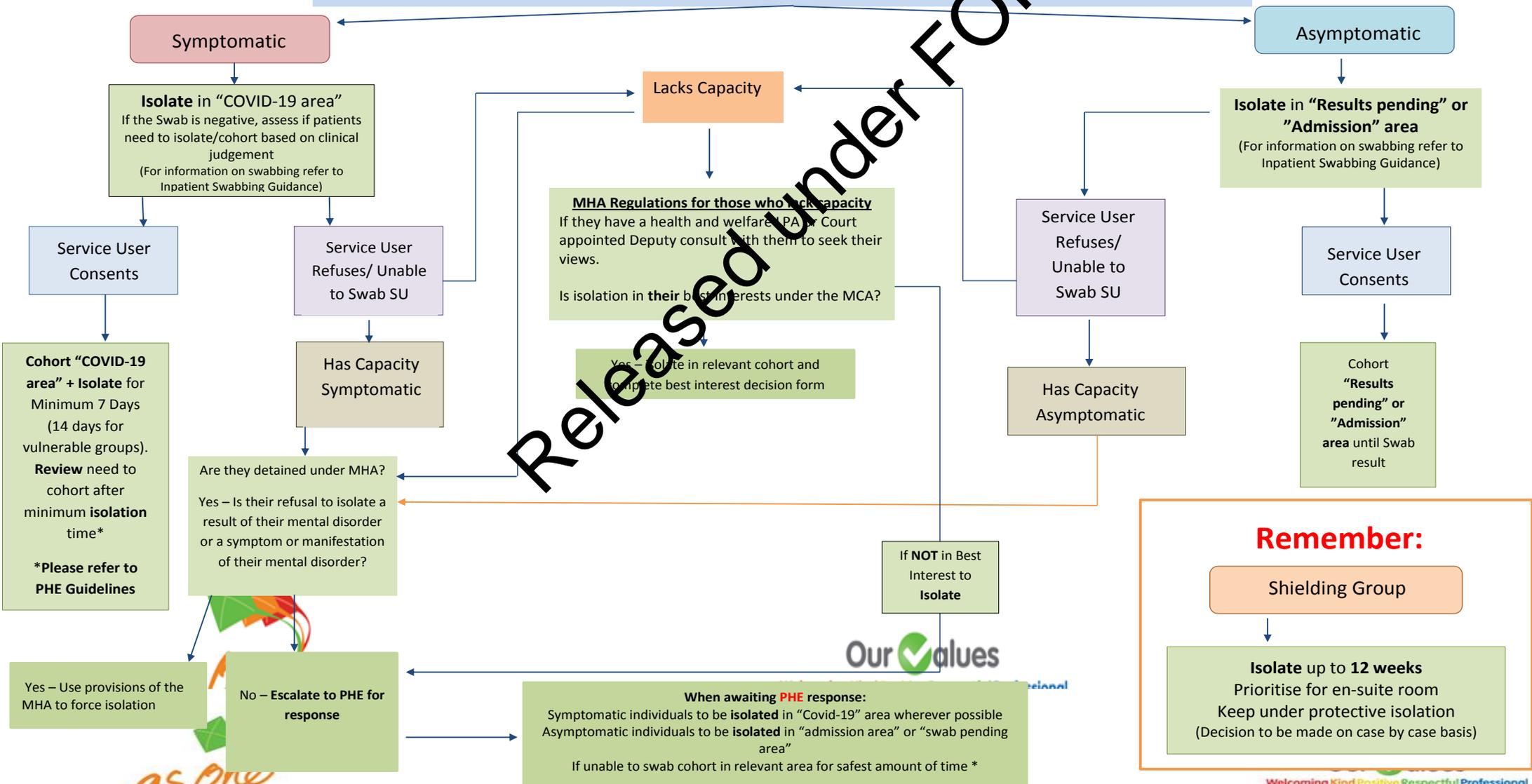


Service Users on Ward

In the interests of public protection we need to ensure that we balance the rights of individuals with the need to act reasonably and responsibly as an organisation to prevent the spread of Corona Virus.

- **All SU** should be made aware on the ward that due to COVID-19:
 - They will be **cohorted** based on symptoms and stage of patient journey (i.e. admitted and swab pending, symptomatic area etc.)
 - They will be **swabbed** as part of their stay if not already done so on their admission
 - Depending on their symptoms / medical conditions etc. they may be required to **isolate** when on the ward, just as they would be expected to if they were in the community. Additionally they may be required to move rooms during their admission
- If a SU refuses to adhere to these steps at this stage it is important to **start to consider**:
 1. Does this refusal relate to their current mental state and is their **refusal a symptom or manifestation of their mental disorder**? If so think of whether a MHAA is necessary if they are not already detained
 2. Will this refusal impact on the safety of other ward users? If so then think of risk assessing this specifically now
 3. Does this person have the capacity to refuse cohorting? If not consider now acting based on MCA if this is in **their best interests**



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Remember:

Shielding Group

Isolate up to 12 weeks
Prioritise for en-suite room
Keep under protective isolation
(Decision to be made on case by case basis)

