**ISARIC/WHO Clinical Characterisation Protocol for Severe Emerging Infections - SARI INTERNAL PILOT STUDY**

**INFORMATION SHEET FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGE 12 TO 16 YEARS OLD**

We are undertaking a research study involving people with severe new chest infections.

This study is a pilot study, which is a study that will test and rehearse the processes around conducting the full study at a later time.

Before deciding if you want to be involved, it is important for you to understand why this research is being done and what it would involve for you. One of our team will go through the information with you. Please ask us if there is anything that is not clear, or if you would like more information

**What is the study about?**

* Infectious diseases affect millions of people around the world every year.
* New infections appear. Most cases are mild, but some people become very unwell.
* There is a lot that we do not understand about these new infections.
* By understanding why young people like you are unwell we can try to find better ways to manage and treat people in the future.

**Do I have to take part?**

* It is up to you and your parents/guardians/carer to decide if you should be involved in helping us.
* If you don’t want to be involved, then you don’t have to.
* Either way, your decision will not affect your care and treatments in any way.
* **The choice is yours.**

**What will happen if I take part in this study?**

We will collect information from your clinical records when you are in hospital, including medication taken and laboratory results.

**What will happen to my information?**

All information about you will be kept private and confidential. Only the people responsible for your care and for this study will know that you were involved in this study.

If you agree, we will also store your data and use it for future approved related medical research. The data collected during this study at any time may be seen and shared with public health agencies.

**Are there any benefits to taking part in this study?**

There are no benefits for you personally. By helping us find out more about why you are ill, we will be able to help look after young people better in the future.

**What are the risks of being in the study?**

There is no extra risk to your health by taking part in this study. If only clinical data is collected there is a minimum risk, all information will be used anonymously (no one will know your name).