Simplified Version of Ebola Algorithm for Practices

For any patient presenting who have visited the affected areas within the past 21 days, clinicians should consider questions A and B at the top of the algorithm.

1. If the answers to both questions A and B are negative there is minimal possibility of VHF/Ebola Virus.

2. If the answer to question B is **positive** then isolate patient in a separate room and call 999 - the ambulance service will deal with the case and transport to hospital.

3. If the answer to question A **is positive** then it is necessary to seek answers to all the additional questions in the box.

• If any of the additional question responses to question A are affirmative then patient isolate in a separate room, call 999 and the ambulance service will deal with the case and transport to hospital.

4. If all the responses to the additional questions to question A are negative then the single further discriminator question concerning bruising or bleeding should be asked.

• if the answer is **yes** then isolate in a room, call 999 and the ambulance service will deal with the case

• if the answer is **no** then the appropriate GP response is to refer the patient immediately to their local hospital medical assessment unit for further evaluation without the need for isolation.

5. Should you or your staff be exposed to a positive case then seek advice from the Local Health Protection Team regarding next steps.