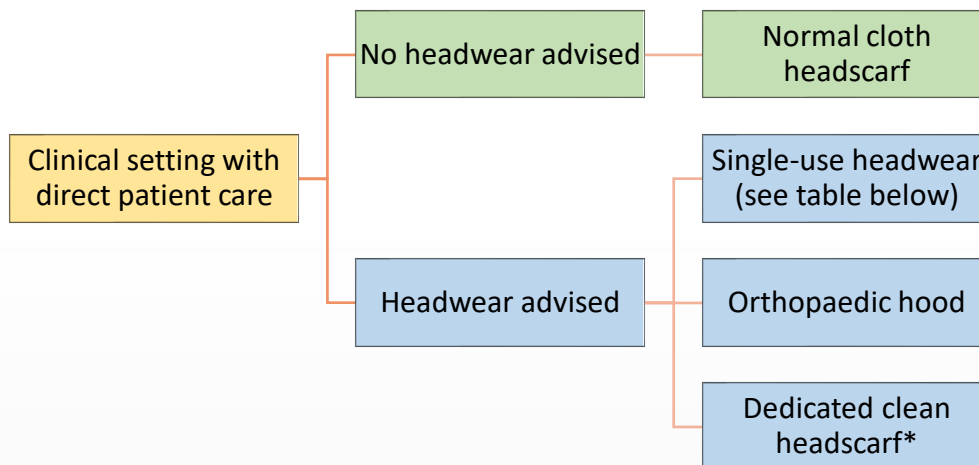


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Recommendations on the Use of Hijab in COVID-19 Clinical Settings

- Head coverings are **not** a part of PPE requirement in current PHE guidance.¹
- A range of options may be considered for concerned individuals or Trusts.
- Drawing from the recently published 'Uniforms and Workwear Guidance for NHS Employers' on the use of headscarves in surgical theatres, similar principles could be extended in other high-risk infection control areas, such as the COVID-19 settings.²



*Clean headscarf: If wearing a normal cloth headscarf and involved in direct patient care, this should be laundered at 60°C between use (and changed if soiled). Similar guidance applies to other religious headwear e.g. turbans, kippahs

Available Single-Use Headwear Options

Disposable Hijab	Surgeons Hood	Tudung Protective Cap
		
<p><i>Supplier:</i> Medline (UK) <i>Code:</i> NWP150 <i>Cost:</i> £1.10/each, box of 200 <i>Email:</i> uksales@medline.com <i>Description:</i> Triangular fabric which can be folded into headscarf. Will need to use pins to secure scarf neatly. Can only be procured by hospital Trusts</p>	<p><i>Supplier:</i> Squadron Medical (UK) <i>Code:</i> SQ70000002-01 <i>Cost:</i> £1.14/each, box of 40 <i>Email:</i> orders@squadronmedical.co.uk <i>Description:</i> One-size fit all slip-on headwear Can be procured by hospital Trusts or individuals</p>	<p><i>Supplier:</i> Medicos (Malaysia) <i>Cost:</i> £0.60p/ box of 500 (excluding shipping cost) <i>Website:</i> www.medicos.com.my/product/tudung-protective-cap <i>Description:</i> One-size fit all slip-on headwear Advised to be worn on over a hijab or with a surgical cap on top as material is less opaque (as per photo)</p>

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