

– UCH had an outbreak of SARS at Ward 12A :

31.3.03	First admission of staff infected with SARS from Ward 12A. Infection control team started investigations.
1.4.03	Further admissions of 4 staff infected with SARS from Ward 12A
1.4.03 evening	CCE chaired a meeting of the outbreak control team and informed HAHO about the outbreak.
2.4.03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All female medical admissions were stopped since midnight. - Outbreak was reported to DH. - Information on contacts was supplied to DH. - Discharged patients were advised to attend the Designated Medical Centres of DH. - Further admissions of 4 more staff infected with SARS from Ward 12A.
3.4.03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All remaining 12A patients were transferred to 12B for cohorting for 10 days. Thorough cleansing and disinfection was performed after the ward was vacated. - All 12A staff were assigned non-patient duties. - Temporary accommodation was provided to the staff contacts.
10.4.03	The last infected staff from 12A was admitted.

In total, 14 staff of 12A were infected in the outbreak. The other infected staff in UCH were either from the SARS wards or were isolated cases from other areas –

- 8 – SARS ward
- 3 – General wards other than 12A
- 1 – A&E
- 1 – Radiology
- 1 – SOPD
- 1 – Contractor (non-12A) supporting staff who worked in several general wards (including 12A)

The admission dates of the 14 staff of ward 12A are as follows :

Ward	Admission date
12A	31-3-2003
12A	1-4-2003
12A	1-4-2003
12A	1-4-2003
12A	1-4-2003
12A	2-4-2003
12A	2-4-2003
12A	2-4-2003
12A	2-4-2003
12A	3-4-2003
12A	3-4-2003
12A	6-4-2003

12A	8-4-2003
12A	10-4-2003

The admission dates of the rest are as follows :

SARS areas	
6A	2-4-2003
6A	6-4-2003
6A	7-4-2003
6B	1-4-2003
6B	5-4-2003
6B	19-4-2003
6B	20-4-2003
8A	15-4-2003
Other areas	
12B	31-3-2003
12B	3-4-2003
13A	10-4-2003
OPD	19-4-2003
AED	4-4-2003
X-ray	5-4-2003
Contractor supporting staff	2-4-2003