**NHS Lothian Ligature and Ligature Point Patient Flow Diagram**

- **Medical Wards**
  - MDT assessment and care plan in place and individual patient assessment completed.
  - Removal of ligature/ligature points where medically possible to do so.
  - Review patient risk as part of care plan.

- **Mental Health Services**
  - Ligature point Ward Inspection programme in place and findings recorded.
  - Maintain records as required.
  - Frequency depends on the patient risk profile.
  - MDT Care plan in place and individual patient assessment completed.

- **Ward/Department Managers**
  - To monitor ligature point inspection procedures as part of safety brief/walk round. Escalate any uncontrolled local risks to management teams as required.

- **NB. Within Mental Health Services the CNM and or Service Head will take responsibility for leading and organising the Environmental Ligature Point Audit Programme.**

- **Record inspection findings and escalate when required any risks that cannot be controlled locally to line manager. Notify estates/PFI provider of any ligature points that need replaced or removed. Complete annual ligature point audit.**

- **For a new or refurbished ward the Service should have in place an anti ligature workshop, reviews and records the equipment required and plans work according to the patient care required.**

Ward/Department Managers determine the level of risk and record findings on the GRA form.

Using the NHSL Risk matrix if risk is low (green) – no further action required.

Otherwise follow the steps below.