



**Information Update
CORONAVIRUS (Number 2)
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The LMC is maintaining its policy of only publishing comms when there is something useful/unique to share rather than simply adding to the high volumes of repeat e-mails from numerous sources.

NATIONAL/LOCAL GUIDANCE AND ADVICE

Our advice remains to check the [Gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) website at regular set times throughout the day. This also has links to the NHS and PHE guidance which is regularly updated. The CAS Alert system will be used for any urgent updates and the CCG have advised that they will be monitoring a generic e-mail Ddccb.primarycarequalityteam@nhs.net and telephone 01246 514088 between 0800-1700 and outside those hours the CCG ON call Director via Switchboard 01246 277271.

LOCAL CLARIFICATION FOR PRACTICES

- Suspension of Online Booking. Further to last week's advice, Clive Newman at DDCCG has now confirmed that practices may suspend online booking. This decision will not invoke any contractual breach action.
- We have formally asked the CCG to suspend SQI visits and are optimistic that this will happen.
- ICO have published some useful guidance about the impact on data protection <https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/data-protection-and-coronavirus>. The deadline (1 month) for response to SARs can't be extended but you can go back within 1 month informing the data subject of an extension to 3 months from date of receipt.
- The situation with Med3 forms and SSP is evolving rapidly so keep an eye on the Gov.uk guidance but note that self-isolation for 7 days doesn't require Med 3.
- Reports/Med 3 Forms for patients choosing not to travel. No change, not the GPs responsibility.
- Practices are advised to continue contingency planning in line with the [DDLMC Press release](#) as we to move towards 'total triage' by maximising telephone and on-line.

If practices have any other suggestions, please let us know and we will feed them into the system.

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