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CORONAVIRUS

New Advice for Patients at High Risk of COVID-19 Infection

Following the announcement of a new three-tier lockdown approach in England, the Department of Health and Social Care published [updated guidance](#) for those considered most clinically vulnerable, depending on the level of risk in their local area, in line with the new Local COVID Alert Levels framework.

This new guidance provides advice for the clinically vulnerable to follow in addition to the new rules and guidance for everyone based on the level of risk in their local area. The government are not yet suggesting the reintroduction of shielding arrangements that were paused in the summer. More restrictive 'shielding' measures could be considered in the future in areas facing the highest risk and if that happens the Government will write to relevant people separately to inform them directly should they be advised to shield.

The BMA have updated their [guidance on patients at high risk](#).

TRAINING, EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

LMC Committee Vacancies - GPs

Are you interested in a role championing general practice in our region? Would you like an opportunity to influence the local agenda in primary care?

We currently have vacancies on our LMC committees for GPs working in our region, particularly in North Lincolnshire, North East Lincolnshire and Hull. Whatever your contractual status – partner, sessional, locum – we would love to have you involved. We

want to be more representative of our community and are particularly keen to secure greater representation from female GPs and GPs from an ethnic minority background.

The LMC is the representative professional organisation elected by GPs to represent all NHS GPs and practice teams on issues of local interest to general practice.

As a member of our committee you would be expected to:

- Attend LMC meetings - usually on the first Tuesday of the month from 7-9pm, currently held on MS Teams.
- Represent the views of GPs - we ask members to listen to and seek the views of the GPs and practice teams in their constituency and bring them to the LMC.
- Read papers before meetings and come prepared to discuss the issues on the agenda.

Benefits of membership of the LMC committee include:

- Meeting a wider range of colleagues and sharing knowledge and experience.
- Staying well-informed and being part of an active and influential GP community.

Meetings are regularly attended by CCG chairs.

- Continued learning and supporting information for your appraisal portfolio.

The role of committee member is unpaid but travel expenses can be claimed.

If you are interested in joining the LMC committee please contact Maddie Clifford-Roper, Business Support Officer via email humbertside.lmcgroup@nhs.net. If you would like to discuss the role of committee member please call 01482 655111.

LMC Committee Vacancies - Practice Managers

Are you interested in a role championing general practice in our region? Would you like an opportunity to influence the local agenda in primary care?

We currently have two observer vacancies on our committees, both for Practice Managers. The LMC is the representative professional organisation elected by GPs to represent all NHS GPs and practice teams on issues of local interest to general practice.

As an observer on our committee you would be expected to:

- Attend LMC meetings - usually on the first Tuesday of the month from 7-9pm, currently held virtually via MS Teams
 - Represent the views of your practice teams - we ask attendees to listen to and
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seek the views of the GPs and practice teams in their constituency and bring them to the LMC.

- Read papers before meetings and come prepared to discuss the issues on the agenda.

Benefits of being an observer on the LMC committee include:

- Meeting a wider range of colleagues and sharing knowledge and experience.
- Staying well-informed and being part of an active and influential primary care community. Meetings are regularly attended by CCG chairs.

Our current vacancies are as follows:

Practice Manager Observer Seat – to be eligible for this you need to be a Practice Manager in North Lincolnshire or North East Lincolnshire.

Practice Manager Observer Seat – to be eligible for this you need to be a Practice Manager in Hull or the East Riding.

Please note that Observers have speaking rights but are not able to vote at meetings. The roles are unpaid but travel expenses can be claimed when meetings are held in person.

If you are interested in either of these roles please contact Maddie Clifford-Roper, Business Support Officer via email humber-side.lmcgroup@nhs.net. If you would like to discuss either role please call 01482 655111.

Clinical Supervision – Training for Supervisors

A one day course available on:

Monday 30th November 2020, 09:00 – 16:00

Tuesday 1st December 2020, 09:00 – 16:00

Friday 15th January 2021, 09:00 – 16:00

Instructor led via Zoom

The course is interactive, using a variety of teaching methods and materials and encourages discussion in a confidential environment. Participants will be given the tools and techniques to teach people about Clinical Supervision and to undertake the role of supervisor.



Content includes:

- Definitions of Clinical Supervision
- Models of Clinical Supervision
- Reflective practice
- Asking open questions
- Learning styles
- Documentation

At the end of the workshop participants will be able to:

- Explain the purpose and functions of Clinical Supervision
- Understand the current context of Clinical Supervision
- Describe the various models available to support reflective practice and explain how to use them
- Develop the confidence to take on the role of supervisor
- Describe the methods of delivery i.e. one to one/group/peer
- Understand and explain the importance of keeping records (including contracts) and confidentiality
- Understand and explain the law and accountability in relation to Clinical Supervision
- Understand and explain the role and responsibilities of supervisees and supervisors
- Understand how to manage group dynamics

Places on the course are free of charge but are limited and will therefore be offered on a first come first served basis. Register your interest by email to melissa.brolls@nhs.net.

Practice Manager Buddying Event

Tuesday 3rd November 2020, 09:00-11:00

Virtual - via Zoom

The aim of this free session is to develop peer support between practice managers in the Humberside area; this event is part of the new Humberside LMC Wellbeing strategy, and we are keen to increase the input and support that local PMs receive from the LMC. There is a wealth of experience across the Humberside area and this event will introduce colleagues virtually to build relationships and share what works well and what



you find challenging.

We will ask you to choose 2 out of the 6 areas listed below to focus on. One of these should be an area you feel works well in your practice or you have positive experience of; the other should be an area you find challenging and would like some support and ideas on. We will match colleagues with areas of expertise and challenge in smaller break-out groups at the session.

We will choose the two most popular topics selected by those who sign up to tackle at this first event; we intend to run this event again to cover the other 4 areas over the coming months so if we don't prioritise the particular area you need support with, we will get to it! We hope that regardless you will find it a helpful exercise.

The 6 areas are:

- 1. Appointment systems** – how do you manage appointment demand? Balancing same day vs advance? What changes have you had to make for Covid? What have you tried in the past and did it work? How do patients book appointments with the practice?
- 2. Workflow management** – dealing with incoming practice work (letters, tasks, blood results, prescriptions, CCG, NHSE requests). Do you have a formal process in place? Who deals with the bulk of incoming work? How do you ensure good governance and safety? What has and hasn't worked?
- 3. Online systems** – clinical systems, online consultations, video consulting, data sharing, the blue circle of doom.... How have you overcome challenges of working online? What things are you still finding hard?
- 4. Human resources** – managing staff, dealing with absence, conflict resolution, managing mental health problems. What makes it challenging? What support do you wish you had? When has it gone well and when has it not?
- 5. Managing clinicians** – how do you manage your employer? Where do you sit in the structure of your workplace? How does that feel? What makes it work? What's difficult?
- 6. Positive workplace** – how happy are you at work? What is your work environment like to be in? What is done to make you feel supported and valued? What do you do for colleagues to look after their wellbeing? What's missing?

When booking your place, please indicate a strength and a challenge from the 6 headings listed. The session will last for 2 hours including a short break.

For full details and online booking visit

<https://www.humbersidelmc.org.uk/events/11272>

Lighten the Load - Coach Approach Skills

Wednesday 18th November and Wednesday 2nd December, 14:00 to 17:00 - attendance at both afternoons is necessary to complete the programme.

Virtual – via Zoom

A free training event for GPs, Practice Managers and primary care colleagues.

Delivering high quality, safe and sustainable services requires different relationships and new roles for General Practice and Primary Care, including PCNs, in merged practices and collaborative working in integrated care models. In light of the Covid-19 pandemic, the way that we are all working has been transformed. In itself, this creates challenges for people working in Primary Care.

Now, more than ever, huge demands are placed upon GPs, Practice Managers and Primary Care colleagues across a range of areas and, given the changing landscape, you are increasingly required to do even more, often with no more resource. You are also being asked to operate differently in collaborative leadership spaces, to influence across PCNs and the wider system and sometimes to lead mergers and acquisitions.

“Lighten the Load” is a free event provided by Humberside LMCs for local GPs, Practice Managers and Primary Care colleagues, delivered by Beyond Coaching. The event is designed to equip Primary Care leaders in achieving this step-change in how services are being delivered, which requires different ways of working and even greater resilience, whilst providing opportunities for personal, business and wider leadership development.

“Lighten the Load” has been adapted to run virtually across two afternoons with a break during each session. There will be a small amount of skills practice which can be done virtually between the two sessions. We also anticipate that the programme will run again on a face to face basis in the future.

For full details and online booking visit <https://www.humbersidelmc.org.uk/events/11411>

The UK General Internal Medicine Conference 2021

2nd - 3rd March 2021

Now being held virtually

This event will provide two days of intensive General Medical CPD for today's Physician. UKGIM provides a comprehensive update for all those involved in the care of patients with GIM needs. It features multiple live virtual lecture theatres running concurrently, with dozens of presentations from experts in their fields, covering all aspects of General Internal Medicine. Presentations are repeated so that delegates can mix and match which ones they attend to construct their own bespoke programme of CPD.

Full details can be found at <https://ukgim.com/> and tickets and pricing details can be found at <https://ukgim.com/visiting/delegate-tickets-and-pricing>.

PCN Network Virtual Conference

Wednesday 11th November 2020, 09:00-20:00

Online event

The [full programme for the NHS Confederation PCN Network's annual conference](#) on 11 November is now live, featuring more than 35 speakers in 15 sessions over 11 hours, including keynote speeches from NHS chief executive Sir Simon Stevens and NHS Confederation chair Lord Victor Adebawale and a panel session with Nikki Kanani. The event is designed to support the delivery of primary care networks and is free for PCN teams. Places can be booked online at [Eventbrite](#).

Tackling Health Inequality Webinar

Wednesday 4th November 2020, 17:30-19:00

Online event

The BMA committee for medical managers is hosting a free, online panel event on [Tackling health inequality](#), with speakers Tracie Jolliff (head of inclusive system development at NHSEI) and Roger Kline (author of *The Snowy White Peaks of the NHS*). The event will explore why diverse leadership is essential to create an NHS that truly serves the whole country and, crucially, what steps medical managers can take to achieve this. Find out more and to book your place [here](#).



Safeguarding Together Week

2nd-5th November 2020

NHS England and NHS Improvement are hosting a number of short events via Microsoft Live. Themes include child sexual abuse, violence reduction, modern slavery and isolation. [Download the Safeguarding Together Week flyer](#) for full details and links for joining the events.

PRACTICE MANAGEMENT

Serious Shortage Protocols - Fluoxetine and Salazopyrin EN-Tabs

The DHSC has announced that Serious Shortage Protocols (SSPs) have been issued for fluoxetine 30mg capsules and Salazopyrin[®] EN-Tabs 500mg.

The fluoxetine 30mg capsules SSP will enable community pharmacists in England and Wales to supply patients with 1 x 20mg fluoxetine capsule and 1 x 10mg fluoxetine capsule **OR** 3 x 10mg fluoxetine capsules. The SSP is due to expire on 22 December.

The Salazopyrin[®] EN-Tabs 500mgh SSP will enable community pharmacists in England and Wales to supply sulfasalazine 500mg gastro-resistant (GR) tablets. The SSP is currently due to expire on 4 December 2020.

These SSPs are now available to view on the NHS Business Service Authority (BSA)'s dedicated SSP [web page](#), along with supporting guidance.

If you have any questions regarding the SSPs please contact the NHS Prescription Service:

Email: nhsbsa.prescriptionservices@nhsbsa.nhs.uk

Telephone: 0300 330 1349

Textphone: 18001 0300 330 1349



Accessing Additional Flu Vaccine Supplies

The Department of Health and Social Care have outlined how practices will be able to access additional supplies of influenza vaccinations. It has secured an additional supply of influenza vaccines, which arrive later in the season to top up local supplies once they run low. Expected first delivery dates are included [within their letter](#).

Practices will be provided the DHSC vaccines free of charge but will only be able to claim an item of service fee for each DHSC supplied vaccine that is administered. The majority of the additional DHSC stock will arrive from November onwards, and GP practices will be able to access this only once their own local stocks are depleted. The MHRA has granted a dispensation to allow movement of vaccines locally between practices and other NHS provider organisations and we would encourage you to work with your regional NHSE/I Public Health Commissioning team to understand what stock is available locally before accessing the national DHSC supply. The DHSC supply should only be used when there are no other alternative options to accessing more vaccines locally.

DHSC stock is available for GP practices to order from four different suppliers, across different products. This ensures that there are sufficient vaccine supplies to cover the extension to the flu programme and mitigate the risks to overall supply if there are serious problems with the delivery or manufacture of one of the products. Practices should follow JCVI guidance and use the recommended vaccines for each cohort as set out in the Second Annual Flu Letter.

On placing an order, practices will be asked by manufacturers to verify that stock is being ordered for NHS eligible patients or frontline social care workers, where there is a genuine shortage for this cohort. Orders should only be placed where you have a shortfall in supply for existing eligible patients at this stage.

Further instruction on timing of extension of eligibility to all 50 to 64 year olds will follow and stock should not be ordered for this cohort at this stage.

Also this month, NHS England has published guidance on claiming reimbursement for reasonable additional costs for flu delivery. This sets out how extra reasonable additional costs for delivery of this year's flu vaccine can be reclaimed. Funding is restricted to contributions towards the costs of additional venues hires (and associated costs) and additional fridges/mobile cold storage. Claims will not be authorised for costs that are already funded via other routes. View the guidance on [claiming](#)

[reimbursement for reasonable additional costs for flu delivery.](#)

LMC Buying Group - Seasonal Flu Vaccine Offers 2021-22

The LMC Buying Group helps healthcare providers save money on products and services. They have negotiated discounts with all four of our flu vaccine suppliers for the 2021-22 flu season.

For full details of the discounts and how to access them visit <https://us11.campaign-archive.com/?e=%5bUNIQID%5d&u=ae8a08663d8d6e1465569f620&id=6cb592c1a9>

Medicine Supply Updates

A Vaccine Supply Notification has been issued for Pneumovax 23. [Download the complete notification](#) for full details.

Vaccine	Supply	Detail
23- valent polysaccharide pneumococcal vaccine (Pneumovax 23)	Supplies are limited until January 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please refer to the Vaccine Supply notification and PHE's clinical prioritisation guidelines included.

A Tier 2 medicines supply notification has been issued for Lorazepam (Ativan®) 4mg/ml Solution for injection. The table below provides a summary of the notification. [Download the complete notification](#) for further details.

Medicine	Out of stock until	Alternatives
Lorazepam (Ativan®) 4mg/ml Solution for injection (Pfizer)	Extremely limited supplies until early December 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carpject™ lorazepam 2mg/ml single dose cartridges Alternative unlicensed imports of lorazepam 4mg/ml and/or 2mg/ml injection

There have also been changes to the [resupply dates](#) of the medicines listed below.



Original MSN reference	Date of original MSN/SDA	Supply issue	Resupply date originally communicated	Updated resupply date as of w/c 5 th October 2020
MSN/2019/020 MSN/2019/020 - U	20/12/19 17/07/20	H2-antagonists (cimetidine, famotidine and nizatidine)	Famotidine 20mg tablets: out of stock until the end of December 2019	Tillomed: Out of stock. Resupply mid-October 2020.
			Famotidine 40mg tablets: out of stock until the end of December 2019	Teva: Out of stock. Resupply w/c 5 th October 2020.
			Cimetidine 200mg tablets: out of stock until the end of January 2020	Tillomed: In stock.
			Cimetidine 400mg tablets: out of stock until the end of January 2020	Teva: Out of stock. Resupply w/c 5 th October 2020.
			Cimetidine 800mg tablets: out of stock	Ennogen: Out of stock. Resupply June 2021.
			Medreich: Out of stock. Resupply to be confirmed.	Ennogen: Out of stock. Resupply June 2021.
			Medreich: Out of stock. Resupply to be confirmed.	Ennogen: Out of stock. Resupply June 2021.

			until the end of January 2020	Medreich: Out of stock. Resupply to be confirmed.
			Nizatidine 150mg tablets: out of stock until February 2020	Mylan: Out of stock. Resupply December 2020. Medreich: Out of stock. Resupply to be confirmed.
				Relonchem: In stock.
			Nizatidine 300mg tablets: out of stock until February 2020	Mylan: Out of stock. Resupply December 2020. Medreich: Out of stock. Resupply to be confirmed.
				Relonchem: In stock.
MSN/2020/043U	21/08/2020	Oral Contraceptives (various brands) UPDATE	Brevinor - Late October 2020	Early January 2021
			Norimin - November 2020	Early January 2021
			Synphase - November 2020	Early January 2021
			Zoely - September 2020	Mid October 2020
MSN/2020/046	03/08/2020	Nabumetone 500mg tablets	1 Sept 2020	In stock
MSN/2020/050	27/08/2020	Normacol and Normacol Plus Granules	13 Sept 2020	Late October 2020

If you have any queries please contact: DHSCmedicinesupplyteam@dhsc.gov.uk

CQRS System Supplier Change

NHSE/I is overseeing a programme to ensure the CQRS system supports efficient GP incentive-based payments. As part of this work NHSE/I is working with NHS CSUs to bring the running and development of the CQRS system in-house from 1 November 2020 and to introduce a new centrally funded system (CQRS Local) to support locally commissioned schemes by April 2021. These changes aim to streamline processes and reduce administrative errors in GP payments.

A structured transition from the existing supplier is in place to ensure the continued provision of the CQRS system from November with minimal interruption for end users. How users access and use the CQRS system is not changing and no action is required from practices or commissioners.

From 1 November the new number for the CQRS service desk will be 0330 124 4039, although the email address remains support@cqrs.co.uk.

While the system itself will look and feel the same a [new CQRS welcome page](#) is now live providing direct links to the CQRS system and online training modules, guidance and news updates.

Open Exeter and CQRS Claims

NHS England - North (Yorkshire & the Humber) have shared a one-page guide to about submission dates for Open Exeter and CQRS to clarify how and when to claim in the current financial year. The information contains details of submission start and end dates, payments and deadlines for CQRS and Open Exeter.

[Download the Open Exeter and CQRS guide.](#)

GUIDANCE & RESOURCES

GP Latest Updates – New NHSE Webpage

NHS England have published a new webpage which brings together a summary of

some of the key new activities and resources available for general practice. You can find the page at <https://www.england.nhs.uk/gp/latest-updates/>

BMA Pensions Newsletter

The BMA's pension committee has published its first quarterly newsletter [here](#). The newsletter provides an update you on what actions the committee is taking on a range of issues, and also provides access to educational resources, blogs and information on how to access BMA support regarding your pension.

GENERAL NEWS

Humberside LMCs Wellbeing Strategy Summary

Our new wellbeing strategy sets out how we are working to support people working in general practice at this challenging time. We've published a short summary of the document to explain our goals and what we are doing under each heading to promote an engaged, supported and valued workforce. [Read our summary](#).

New to Partnership Payment Scheme

Practices are now making applications so that their new partners can benefit from the new to partnership payment. We would encourage all practices with partners who have joined the practice since 1 April to do so. However, the BMA advise us of a potential issue with the '[New to Partnership Payment Scheme](#)' which apply to new clinical partners from 1 April 2020, causing a 'catch 22' situation.

New partners often commence with fixed share 'probationary' period, before moving to a full equity share. This issue has been raised with NHSE/I and it has been agreed that in these situations, an individual will be accepted on to the scheme once they become a shareholding partner on an equity basis, as long as the probationary period commenced after 1 April 2020.

NHSE/I has also considered the barriers to individuals obtaining the evidence required to support their application to the New to Partnership Payment Scheme, and have identified alternative evidence that can be submitted:

- Where a Partnership Agreement is not available, a headed letter from the practice
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to confirm details will be accepted.

- To evidence the practice contract type NHSE/I will now check the CQC website to obtain this information for GMS and PMS contracts. They will still require a copy of any APMS contracts.

These changes are effective immediately and the [guidance documents](#) have been updated. Those who have already applied to the scheme will be contacted by NHSE/I and do not need to reapply.

Changes to the Supporting Mentors Scheme

NHSE/I has amended its guidance in relation to the recognised accredited mentorship qualification that mentors should receive via the [supporting mentors scheme](#). In the original national guidance, the ILM Level 5 in Coaching and Mentoring was cited as a benchmark example, however it is now recognised that there are a number of other mentorship qualifications that are equally high quality and will equip mentors with the right mentoring skills and knowledge. The [guidance has therefore been updated](#) so that systems have the flexibility to deliver other appropriate mentorship qualifications that are equivalent to ILM Level 5, with the agreement of NHSE/I regions.

Choose GP Campaign

Applications for the first round of the 2021 GP specialty training opens on the 2 November – 1 December 2020. Please 'like' and follow the #ChooseGP [Facebook page](#) to keep up to date with news and views. Please forward this information to any doctors who may be thinking about career options. The [GP National Recruitment Office](#) (GPNRO) website is the place to go for more information or we have a number of GPs and trainees who are able to help with local or general enquiries. Email Daryl at gprecruitment@hee.nhs.uk to be put in touch.

Reimbursement Scheme for the Immigration Health Surcharge

The Department of Health and Social Care launched the Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS) reimbursement service on 1 October 2020. Applicants are eligible if:

- they are a non-tier 2 visa holder and have paid the IHS; or
 - they have paid the IHS; and
 - they have worked in a health or social care role for at least an average of 16 hours
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per week since 31 March 2020.

Applicants must provide payslips for the period they are claiming reimbursement for. Visit the [IHS website](#) to start a claim.

GMS Contract Amendments

NHSE/I has [written to practices](#) to outline amendments to the contract, as agreed in the last round of negotiations in February this year, as well as extending/amending some of the amendments that have been made in order to assist with managing the pandemic. The Friends & Family Test remains suspended, as does the requirement for individual patient consent for electronic repeat dispensing.

NHSE/I has relaxed the requirement for practices to make appointments available for NHS111 to directly book. The maximum that should be made available remains 1 per 500 patients, but practices can now only make available what is necessary to meet demand. This may therefore be covered by the previous arrangement of 1 per 3000 patients. Many practices do not see many of the slots available being booked into, so practices can now reduce this and only make available what they believe is required. Practices should though monitor this to ensure they are offering sufficient opportunity for direct booking.

Some of the contractual agreements made earlier this year for 2020/21 implementation have been delayed due to the pandemic, but the ones that commence from 1 October include a contractual requirement for practices to participate in the Appointments in General Practice data collection, participating in the NHS Digital Workforce Collection, new measures around list cleansing and patient removal and assignment, as well as a relaxation of subcontracting arrangements for the PCN DES.

Our colleagues at Surrey and Sussex LMCs have published an excellent summary of the changes which can be downloaded [here](#).

Humber Primary Care COVID-19 Response Engagement Report

This report presents the findings of a major engagement exercise conducted by CCGs in North Lincolnshire, North East Lincolnshire, Hull, and East Riding of Yorkshire between July and August 2020 which asked patients about their experience of primary



care during the pandemic. Over 7,000 people responded and there are some very positive findings for general practice in the report, with the majority of people rating their experience good or very good. Read the report [here](#).

GPFV and Primary Care Network Organisational Development Funding

Humber, Coast and Vale Health and Care Partnership has released [details of the allocation for this funding](#). The letter explains how they will combine the remaining uncommitted GPFV monies along with the PCN OD funding to create a single pot of circa £2m which will be allocated on a weighted capitation basis to all PCN's across the Humber Coast and Vale area. An [appendix](#) shows how the overall allocation has been split across PCNs.

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