



Coronavirus - LMC Update 20 March 2020

Welcome to the first of what will be a regular series of updates to general practice in the Humber region. We are grateful for all practices' hard work to support patients in this unprecedented situation, and we're keen to avoid bombarding you with information or duplicating material you already receive at such a busy time.

We're therefore going to collate updates and resources you may not have already received in this regular weekly bulletin, as well as uploading links to trusted sources of guidance on our website at <https://www.humbersidelmc.org.uk/coronavirus>, which we'll be updating daily.

In this update:

FAQs

[FAQs Covid-19 – 20 March 2020](#)

This is a list of FAQs with responses compiled by the LMC team based on queries submitted by practices. To be updated regularly.

NHSE/I Preparedness Letter

[Preparedness letter for primary care – 19 March 2020](#)

Latest edition of a regular series of updates from NHSE/I to general practice regarding the Covid-19 situation. It includes: advice and guidance; service implications and priorities; and arrangements to free up capacity and protect income.

LMC/LPC Letter

[Joint LMC/LPC letter - Covid-19 - 18 March 2020](#)

This joint letter with our colleagues in the Local Pharmaceutical Committee sets out responses to some of the FAQs we have both received.

MED3s

We are feeding into GPC the national call to allow SC2 certificates to be extended to fourteen days. We would take the pragmatic suggestion that MED3s can be emailed and do not necessarily require a 'wet' signature if they are being emailed from a practice account.

We have produced the following resources to use when you are called upon to issue MED3s for government advised isolation or complicated Covid-19 infection:

[Covid-19 and Requests for Doctor's Notes \(the MED3 'Fit Note'\)](#)

[Sample letter to employers re MED3](#)

Template letter for care homes

This has been shared by Cambridgeshire LMC and practices are welcome to use this as a template to give a unified message to their local care homes about the current situation if it is helpful. We would encourage you to liaise with your local colleagues as a message from all practices in a PCN is likely to be easier for care homes to understand.

[Sample letter to care homes](#)

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