

## Herefordshire & Worcestershire Daily Digest

### 14 April 2020

#### PPE

- Practices should continue to order PPE supplies via the national supply chain
- The Digital & Quality Teams are trying to source small quantities of additional PPE that can be deployed to Red/Amber sites where there are **critical** shortages - this is available to both Herefordshire & Worcestershire practices
- Red/Amber site stock issues should be highlighted via the daily workforce return to ensure appropriate prioritisation
- Further information will be published on the Digital COVID TeamNet page once available

#### Admissions Template

A clinical admission letter template based on an RCGP example template is being developed for use across H&W. The template should be shared in the next 24/48 hours with GPPB members for consideration and then a more detailed update will be communicated to all practices once agreed.

#### Caring for People at Highest Clinical Risk During COVID-19

Further to our message in the MPU on Thursday 9 April – further guidance and support is now available to GPs.

**We know national deadlines have been set against the various tasks and acknowledge that these are unachievable. We need to balance the urgency and importance of this work against the need to get the lists right and identify the correct cohort of patients. The greatest importance is the task itself and that it is being done properly rather than rushing to complete it by a specific date.**

Guidance and Support now available to all GPs and practices across Herefordshire and Worcestershire:

- 1 Use the attached flow chart to access additional support if needed from the CCG Primary Care and Medicines Commissioning team.
- 2 3 April Letter with – details of the ‘3 Phased Process’:  
<https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/wp->

- <content/uploads/sites/52/2020/03/C0178-letter-to-gps-on-clinically-highest-risk-patients-3-april-2020.pdf>
- 3 9 April Letter – details of specific tasks, deadlines and codes:  
<https://www.cas.mhra.gov.uk/ViewandAcknowledgment/ViewAlert.aspx?AlertID=103022>
  - 4 9 April Clinician FAQs updated 11 April-  
[https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2020/03/20200403-Clinician-FAQs-v\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2020/03/20200403-Clinician-FAQs-v_FINAL.pdf)
  - 5 Primary Care Pathways COVID-19 page has some useful documents and comments around Shielding: <http://primarycarepathways.co.uk/covid19>
  - 6 [Surrey Sussex LMC have produced a very helpful shielding guide](#)
  - 7 RCGP have produced an E learning and Screen cast with resources and references and gives links to relevant public health and NHSE sites as well as information to help identify which patients on immunosuppressants should shield; <https://elearning.rcgp.org.uk/course/view.php?id=377>

**Reviewing Individuals who have self-identified as vulnerable – self identified via Cabinet Office website**

The detail of what GPs need to do for these patients is on page 4 and 5 of the 9 April letter (above). This patient list should be sent to you within your GP IT system on or around 17 April. A task completion date has been suggested as 20 April.

The guidance and system updates are currently changing on a daily basis – we will keep you updated as further information becomes available.

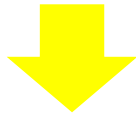
**TeamNet upload today:**

Staff testing for Covid Leaflet - found on main page.

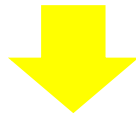
# H&W CCG Support – Caring for People at Highest Clinical Risk during COVID-19

## Vulnerable Patients searches

PC Team staff can assist with conducting EMIS searches remotely  
please email [hw.primarycare@nhs.net](mailto:hw.primarycare@nhs.net) to request support



Simple clinical contacts can be undertaken by members of the  
HWCCG Medicines Commissioning Team, please email  
[hw.medicines@nhs.net](mailto:hw.medicines@nhs.net) to request support



GP Practice to continue with contacting the remaining vulnerable  
patients directly

A large orange arrow pointing from the right towards the main flow of steps.

Subject to Data  
Sharing and EMIS  
access governance  
being agreed at  
Practice level