

Worcestershire Covid-19 Practice Reimbursement Principles of Expenditure

- The ARRS 19\20 underspend can be used to reimburse costs incurred by PCNs in responding to COVID up to 30th June.
- Expenses which sit outside of this are:
 - ✓ Bank Holiday reimbursement*
 - ✓ PPE
 - ✓ Decontamination
 - ✓ Practice adaptations
 - ✓ Digital

Practices should submit all claims for these items directly to PCN Managers to claim from the CCG on behalf of the PCN.

Practices should not submit individual invoices direct to the CCG for items other than the *Bank Holiday Reimbursement covering Friday 10th and Monday 13th April and additionality costs incurred up to 30th April.

- Claims for “additionality” costs incurred by practices up to the 30th April, will only be paid where Practices can demonstrate true additional costs over and above the funding that has become available through non provision of Extended Access and Improved Access services.

	Definition of “Additionality” for Staff Costs
√	Includes costs where practices have necessarily had to engage additional staff to provide core services, that can not be funded from the resources that are available as a result of not providing Extended Access & Improved Access.
x	Does not include staff members who are self-isolating or shielding. These staff should be given the option to work remotely where possible. If a staff member is unable to work remotely, and are classified as off sick as a result, or have COVID symptoms, the sick pay will be a Practice expense. Government guidance suggests that Practices can reclaim the SSP element of any sick pay.

These claims should be submitted no later than 30th April.

The CCG will continue to invoice NHSE for these additional costs.

- From 1st April 2020, the PCN Development Funding will support each CD with two sessions per month to support Clinical System Leadership.
- Once the ARR underspend has been fully utilised, PCNs should then use the remaining resource that is available as a result of not providing Improved Access and Extended Access services.
- The CCG will ensure that all GP Practices continue to be paid at rates that assume they would have continued to perform at the same levels from the beginning of the outbreak as they had done previously, including for the purposes of QOF, DES and LES payments (inc IOS) up to 30th June. All Commissioners are required to adhere to this approach, to support practices manage the workload consequences for general practice and ensure that income can be protected if other routine work has to be substituted.
- A standard reimbursement rate will be applied across all Practices should there be a requirement to open on the May Bank Holidays to ensure consistency and fairness.
- Payment will be made to the PCN Nominated Payee Accounts in accordance with the Schedule of payments submitted by the CDs. All expenditure incurred needs to be auditable and may be subject to post payment verification.