



Important information for GP practices across Kent and Medway
Tuesday 28 July 2020

Weekly primary care sitrep survey

Many thanks for continuing to take the time to complete the sitrep survey.
The [summary of last week's responses](#) is attached for your information.

Please make sure that one person from each practice completes the weekly sitrep here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/62MD2B7> by **11am on Thursday 30 July**.

Clinical advice and support

Updated Covid-19 guidance

Public Health England has published new [guidance on infection prevention](#), including on face coverings in primary care.

Face covering exemptions

The government has set out more [detail on face covering exemptions](#), including [exemption cards](#) which can be downloaded from gov.uk. Practices can refer patients to this website so they can download their own material. The government has clarified that there is no need for practices to be involved in this process.

Test results update

NHS Digital has [announced](#) that Covid-19 test results are now being automatically sent to GP systems as well as being communicated to patients, giving GPs visibility of which of their patients have had Covid-19 tests and whether they have tested positive or negative for the virus.

Covid-19 Patient Notification System (CPNS)

Further changes have been introduced this week to the CPNS. This will mean the following:

- For patient notifications where:
 - patients who have tested positive
 - and the difference between the Date of Death and Date of Result is greater than 28 days
- Then:
 - The field Covid cited on Part 1 Part 2 of the Death Certificate needs to be complete
 - If the answer is Yes the record can be submitted
 - If the answer is No, the record cannot be record.

You cannot input a record with a positive swab over 28 days unless it is also cited on the death certificate.

Early cancer diagnosis

Cancer Research UK, in conjunction with the Kent and Medway Cancer Alliance, are holding two free webinars next month to support GP practices and PCNs with the early cancer diagnosis requirement of the PCN DES.

Read more [about these events](#).

Membership

GP Clinical Leads - reminder

Kent and Medway CCG is looking to appoint a number of GP Clinical Lead roles across various service programme areas at both ICP locality level and at a Kent and Medway system level, to oversee the development and delivery of innovative new models of care.

Please find attached [an advert](#), plus [job description](#) and [application form](#) for the various CCG GP Clinical Lead roles.

If you are interested in applying please complete the attached application form and submit to Kmccg.hr@nhs.net. **Please note** these are for 240 sessions a month, not week, as stated in the original job description that was previously circulated. The closing date for applications is 5 pm Monday 10 August.

IT

Digital Primary Care online presence – accessibility compliance

Public sector organisations have a legal duty to make sure websites and apps meet accessibility requirements. The [accessibility regulations](#) aim to help make sure online public services are accessible to all users, including those with disabilities. GP practices are invited to attend one of two webinars and learn more about meeting the W3C accessibility standards before the deadline of 23 September 2020. [Wednesday 29 July, 1 - 2pm – book now](#) or [Wednesday 19 August, 5 – 6pm – book now](#)

Infection prevention

Type IIR face masks from Cardinal Health – destroy affected lots

The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulation Authority (MHRA) [issued an alert on Monday](#) to all NHS and social care providers, asking organisations to destroy affected lots of the type IIR face masks from Cardinal Health. This must be completed by 3 August 2020. If you are in shortage, you are advised to contact your local resilience forum in the first instance, who may be able to assist you or advise you to [contact the National Supply Distribution Response](#).

If you have any feedback or ideas to make the updates more useful to you please email kmccg.gpscovid19@nhs.net



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Useful links

- [Weekly stakeholder bulletin](#)
- [Offers for NHS staff](#)

The deadline for articles for this update is 11am on Mondays.

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