



Important information for GP practices across Kent and Medway
Thursday 6 August 2020

Clinical advice and support

National flu immunisation programme 2020/21

The expected [second letter](#) has been published setting out the new groups which are eligible for the flu vaccination programme this autumn, and the actions that commissioners and providers of the flu vaccine programme should take to prepare. We will include further information about how this will be implemented in Kent and Medway as soon as possible.

The Care Quality Commission has also [provided guidance](#) about the key things to consider about your registration with them in the context of this year's flu vaccination arrangements.

And for those who have not already ordered materials for the Health and Social Care Worker flu vaccination campaign, these will be available, if needed, on the PHE Campaign Resource Centre [Health and Social Care Workers Flu Immunisation](#) from 7 August.

Infection prevention and control

Zoning guidance

This [zoning guidance](#) has been refreshed to support you in your own assessment of your facilities to make sure you can care for patients in an environment which is safe and meets the Care Quality Commission's standards of expectations.

The aim of this guidance is to make sure the facilities meet minimum requirements so that the safety of patients and staff are maintained, and facilities can be zoned so that patients with symptoms of Covid-19 can be consulted to minimize the risk of the spread of infection.

Please complete the form as a declaration of compliance and send to kmccg.kmipc@nhs.net. This is only for the CCG's information. If you have any questions please use the same email which is the generic email for the Infection Prevention and Control team.

This assessment may be required as evidence to CQC for Revised Statement of Purpose.

IT

EMIS using practices - new electronic notifications for the urgent supply of medicines

You will soon be able to receive electronic notifications from pharmacies about the urgent supply of medicines made as part of the [NHS Community Pharmacist Consultation Service](#) (CPCS). This will inform you that a patient registered with

your practice has received an urgent supply of medicine from a community pharmacy.

EMIS Web practices will have the new functionality enabled this month. EMIS will inform you of your specific switch on date. The notifications arrive as a workflow task within the EMIS Web system, prompting you to add the information to a patient's record.

Please note, if you use a third-party product, such as Docman, for your patient document management you will need to [configure your Document Management task settings in Workflow Manager](#).

System guidance is [available from EMIS](#). Information is also available on the [NHS Digital website](#).

Data protection

Covid privacy notice

We have been notified by NHSX that the Control of Patient Information (COPI) notice has been extended to the end of March 2021. Please update your privacy notices to reflect this change with the information below:

The Control of Patient Information (COPI) Regulations is valid until 31 March 2021, so in effect this Covid privacy notice is valid until then or until any other time when the COPI Regulations is no longer in effect. We may amend this privacy notice at any time so please review it frequently. The date at the top of this page will be amended each time this notice is updated.

Or alternatively replace your existing Covid Privacy Notice with [this version](#).

Full medical records access

Here is a [guide to full medical records access](#) using 'GP online'.

We realise that due to Covid-19 patients are unable to visit the practice to provide identity documents for full medical records access, however, patients can register for GP online services virtually and can be vouched for by the practice for other online services, taking in documents when it is safe to do so to use the full range of services.

It is, however, a good time, now that full medical records access is available, to create a culture of thinking about what should be redacted from patient view at the time data is entered into the patient records to reduce the risk of patients seeing 'third party' data or 'harmful information'. Please use the [prospective records access practice guidance](#) that shows how to use the redaction tool within Emis and Systmone. Remember to record this process in your records management policy.

Please contact the DPO GP team for any advice or guidance in this area at kmccg.northkentgpdataprotection@nhs.net

Data protection webinars

The Kent and Medway data protection team recently ran a webinar to introduce themselves and to explain what areas they cover – here is a [presentation](#) that summarises the information shared.

The team intend to run further webinars in the future.

Finance

Covid-19 support fund for general practice

Yesterday you should have received a letter from NHSE&I entitled [Covid-19 support fund for general practice](#). We are currently reviewing the content and will be in contact as soon as possible to clarify the process in Kent and Medway.

West Kent

Primary care commissioning GP representative for west Kent

The newly established Kent and Medway CCG is [advertising](#) for a GP Representative to attend both the West Kent Primary Care Commissioning Committee Operating Group (PCCOG) meeting, and the Kent and Medway CCG Primary Care Commissioning Committee (PCCC). The [role description is here](#) and the terms of reference for the PCCOG are [here](#) while the terms of reference for the PCCC are available on the [CCG website](#).

To apply please complete this [application form](#) and submit to Kmccg.hr@nhs.net. The closing date for applications is 5pm Friday 21 August.

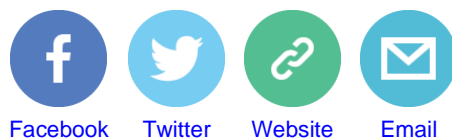
For queries, please contact Gail Arnold, Primary Care Director Lead for Dartford, Gravesham, Swanley, Swale and west Kent, via Gail.Arnold@nhs.net

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