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**COVID-19 update**

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[North Yorkshire and York CCGs remote assessment of Covid-19](https://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk/seecmsfile/?id=3582&inline=1&inline=1)

[NHS pension information (covid-19)](https://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk/seecmsfile/?id=3581&inline=1&inline=1)

Vale of York Pharmacy closures and changes of hours - latest position

**Important information - Ethics and Advanced Care Planning**

Please find attached important information about the proposed Ethics group, advice for Primary Care Clinicians on Advanced Care Planning and Palliative Care and the COVID-19 Ethical Framework.

**Minor eye conditions – a referrals update**

HBS can confirm that there is still a MECS scheme running across the Vale of York CG locality . However, the majority of community optometrists remain available only for urgent cases. Please ask patients contacting practices to ring the community optometrist first and not to just present as the premises may be showing as closed. For any queries please contact [martin@hbsuk.co.uk](mailto:martin@hbsuk.co.uk)

**NECS service notification - Easter service desk opening times**

To support its customers in Primary Care NECS will be operating a full IT support service throughout the Easter weekend.  It has slightly amended its opening times as below;

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| Good Friday | 07:00 – 17:00 |
| Saturday | 08:00 – 16:00 |
| Easter Sunday | 08:00 – 16:00 |
| Easter Monday | 07:00 – 17:00 |

When logging Service Desk calls, either via the Self-Service Portal or via email, please include your availability for over the weekend as this will help the team to support you and resolve your issues at a convenient time.  If you already have a call logged, please update your call via the Self-Service Portal with your availability.

Please provide a direct contact number as this prevents engineers having to queue to get through to the practice to resolve your issues.

**Free mental wellbeing webinars for NHS staff and IAPT professionals**

The following FREE webinars, designed to help NHS frontline staff and IAPT professionals, focus on mental wellbeing in light of COVID-19. You can join the webinars LIVE or each download afterwards.

[Staff Wellbeing: IAPT Service Support in COVID-19](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fnnfevents.co.uk%2F1SB0-6TAMI-Q53C81-40F7L6-1%2Fc.aspx&data=01%7C01%7Cyvonne.browne%40diabetes.org.uk%7C1a9d189b642542db4aea08d7da115a7e%7C6a42dab649774aa08f8a0584dff9b5d2%7C0&sdata=XvFXYX5%2BQI3QfLvFvcBl6ylztj13fFwofFxii4jCKGM%3D&reserved=0) Thursday 16 April 2020, 2pm - 3pm LIVE

Physical Activity in Isolation: IAPT Service Support in COVID-19 Friday 24 April 2020, 12pm - 1pm LIVE

**NHS Nightingale Hospital Yorkshire and the Humber – an update**

We are pleased to confirm to you that the NHS Nightingale Hospital Yorkshire and the Humber will form a vital part of the NHS’s surge capacity in the response to the Coronavirus pandemic.  Based at the Harrogate Convention Centre, the new, temporary hospital will provide up to 500 critical care beds equipped with ventilators and oxygen.

Redevelopment work is already well underway to create and equip the centre and will be completed within weeks. Once fully operational it will be able to provide care for thousands of patients who have tested positive for Covid-19  from across the region.

It has been set up through a collaboration of NHS hospital trusts, CCGs, AHSNs, Harrogate Borough Council, the armed forces and NHS England and NHS Improvement.  The hospital has a leadership team, drawn from NHS leaders from across the region, and is hosted by The Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust.

The NHS Nightingale facility is part of a comprehensive range of measures being put in place to respond to the pandemic in secondary, primary and social care, across the public and private sector. These include creating more critical care capacity in existing facilities, providing increased number of consultations over phone or online and supporting vulnerable people to be able to isolate themselves safely. The objective of all these initiatives is to increase caring capacity while reducing the rates of infection. For more information email [england.neymedia@nhs.net](mailto:england.neymedia@nhs.net).