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**COVID-19 update**

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**Updates to the RSS COVID-19 page**

* [North Yorkshire and York CCGs remote assessment of Covid-19](https://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk/seecmsfile/?id=3603&inline=1)
* I[PC Bulletin for GP practice staff 7 April](https://www.infectionpreventioncontrol.co.uk/news/ipc-bulletin-for-gp-practice-staff/)
* [Clinical guidelines for symptom control in patients with Covid-19](https://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk/seecmsfile/?id=3602&inline=1)
* [Options for symptom management in last days if there is no syringe driver or manpower to give injectable drugs](https://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk/seecmsfile/?id=3601&inline=1)
* [NICE Covid-19 information](https://www.nice.org.uk/covid-19)
* [RDTC Covid-19 information and resources](https://rdtc.nhs.uk/covid-19-information-and-resources)
* [NYCC letter to parents and carers on childcare provision](https://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk/seecmsfile/?id=3594&inline=1&inline=1)
* [Key workers and childcare provision](https://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk/seecmsfile/?id=3593&inline=1&inline=1)
* [Integrated Community Equipment & Wheelchairs Vale of York and North Yorkshire - COVID 19 Bulletin 6 April](https://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk/seecmsfile/?id=3589&inline=1&inline=1)
* [Medequip - Booking equipment poster](https://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk/seecmsfile/?id=3590&inline=1&inline=1)
* [Peripheral stores stock ordering process](https://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk/seecmsfile/?id=3588&inline=1&inline=1)
* [Step by step guide to web ordering - adding items to the peripheral store](https://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk/seecmsfile/?id=3587&inline=1&inline=1)
* [Duke Extra 2.0 Active Mattress](https://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk/seecmsfile/?id=3591&inline=1&inline=1)

**\*\*\*Updated guidance\*\*\* North Yorkshire and York Remote Assessment and Treatment of COVID-19 symptoms**

Following the release of the new NICE guidance on managing suspected and confirmed pneumonia in the community, and updated guidance from RCGP on using the NEWS2 scoring system (in combination with clinical judgement), we have updated the North Yorkshire and York Remote Assessment and Treatment of COVID-19 symptoms guidance.  The latest version is version 9 (dated 8/4/2020) has been updated on RSS at the link above.  All previous versions should be replaced.

**Primary care staff COVID-19 swabbing**

Attached is the process to follow and the documentation to complete to request a swab for Covid-19. Please note that the criteria for swabbing is as follows:

The test will be carried out on the symptomatic relative / member of the household of the asymptomatic member of NHS staff who is self-isolating for 14 days.

The person within the household displaying symptoms should be tested between days 1 to 3 of the start of symptoms, but no later than day five.

Symptomatic members of staff will not be tested but should follow the stay at home advice returning to work after 7 days if clinically well enough to do so but must be apyrexial for 48 before returning. The rationale for this is to enable well NHS staff to return to work as soon as possible.

You may have heard that staff swabbing is to be significantly increased by way of the establishment of super sites which will come on board in the next week or two. It is likely that there will be a super site in our region. It will then be possible to swab symptomatic staff and household members through this new arrangement but as yet we do not have the detail on the process.  So the attached is the process for our local sites at Easingwold and Scarborough for now.

You can start to submit requests as soon as this message reaches you.

**Prescribing**

**Access to end of life medicines**

Please find attached three key documents regarding end of life medicines. These documents will be added to the COVID-19 pages on RSS.

1. Local clinical guidance - Clinical Guidance for Symptom Control in patients with Covid-19
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**RDTC updates**

RDTC has added two new resources to its website today

1. [What are the alternative treatment options for patients who normally receive hydroxocobalamin B12 injection during the COVID-19 pandemic](https://rdtc.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/rdtc-gmmmg-covid-19-qaa-alternatives-to-hydroxycobalamin-injection-version-1-new.pdf)
2. [Covid - Prescribing in diabetes guidance](https://rdtc.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/rdtc-covid-19-qaa-prescribing-in-diabetes-guidance-version-1.pdf)

Please see RDTC for all their latest COVID-19 related guidance - <https://rdtc.nhs.uk/covid-19-information-and-resources>. We also have a link to this RDTC guidance via the [NHS Vale of York CCG RSS web pages](https://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk/rss/home/infections-and-microbiology/covid-19/)

**Bank holiday telephone support – Primary care safeguarding**

The Safeguarding Team for Primary Care will provide telephone cover for support and advice on Friday 10 and Monday 13 April from 8am – 6 30 pm. This is available via Janette Griffiths, the Named Nurse for Safeguarding phone 07909 686 821.

**Keyworker childcare information**

**North Yorkshire area**

North Yorkshire County Council’s Children’s and Young People Service has set up childcare hubs across the county support to support critical workers to get into work where there is no other alternative for childcare. The hubs operate from 7.45am to 5.45pm and parents / carers will be able to book onto these hubs for different sessions. Information has been uploaded to the COVID-19 page on RSS.

**York area**

York FIS offers a brokerage service to help find alternative childcare arrangements. If you would like support as a keyworker contact the York Family Information Service [www.yor-ok.org.uk](https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.yor-ok.org.uk%2F%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR2cLYsTtVAiSYZHJyG_oINkxmrjSGRw4PuEPggrPAjLu1mva9gUMiHZz0c&h=AT1AOvG6nWGyU7esXbaC99IvrpBU_H1XS3Iif6p0FZ9DatUmQsqEfl1LSe3uaFjpehVZ2S5n7tyU_jtkmPSkJvbkAy5XaQ-UuKjGoc72ZFZIs0hmtTJ9iBktDsgs5-ECEaWQcIZU8I9qS451gCzCA-GNbXHj8hzlC4c-2LGYQj4oyGQlWQJ5NtINLddeZkHJGyJs0BTv_LA97VHQq_txJ1irwcxuwB54tw9-c54lgM6qjPMwI2hnOSbboTntcFGmzo5A2ij1MN1MkDh9YLS9PAbsWLyGQ9WVKRaQtQarGj2c0EOpjAU9LGDXE9dv951xrbbyCoj-DDXlFhesf2MjoxcEd0Ew1G0Jee9yxwPxV7mKq9Pq2s9qMvrlu8oYYKDGuSMsP-7EdgGUlgJw1oGDGwvuQeSx69H5617gHU7JzAIW-HvJUw9lA3GG3fTXYKm5HleVSAJwgA1IF3wvNWLZcaT23K3OAahWlhcZY3zh1-3uHnp9rYJ40O_FrtkqX0nFxCkCstCQUm2sHrJ4YwHq68Ngx7_O3OXs84GLTwS0M7b2VxzUQSS8QAtBk8CCouZNUUcXqX3l5IlzJuJucfOOP3ruhE2u1bXwM3OeDZK035pzZUXybwHT2qbndRCLOvtrxIu_); fis@york.gov.uk or 07624 802 244 (text phone). Read more on the COVID-19 page on RSS.

**Useful information**

**New ‘Stay home this Bank Holiday weekend’ social media assets** available at the [Campaign Resource Centre](https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/resources/campaigns/101/resources/5106).

**New ‘Act like you’ve got it, anyone can spread it’ younger people social media assets**

New assets that can be used to target younger people are now available to download from the [Campaign Resource Centre](https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/resources/campaigns/101/resources/5105).

Updated resources for use in various healthcare settings are now available on the [Campaign Resource Centre](https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/resources/campaigns/101/resources/5015).

**Guidance on social distancing in the Workplace** <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/social-distancing-in-the-workplace-during-coronavirus-covid-19-sector-guidance>

**Guidance to employers and businesses for employees**: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19/guidance-for-employers-and-businesses-on-coronavirus-covid-19>