**COVID-19 update**

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**Attachments**

* None

All information provided in the COVID-19 bulletin is hosted online at <https://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk/rss/home/infections-and-microbiology/covid-19/>

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

Further multidisciplinary support for care homes

[Vale of York CCG offer of further multidisciplinary support to care homes](https://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk/seecmsfile/?id=3932&inline=1)

Community Pharmacy

[Vale of York Pharmacy closures and changes of hours - latest position](https://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk/seecmsfile/?id=3632&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1)

Pathology consumables

[Updated stock order form for pathology consumables - York Hospital](https://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk/seecmsfile/?id=3931&inline=1)

National update - Public information on domestic abuse

[Domestic abuse during COVID-19: a reminder of advice for NHS staff](https://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk/seecmsfile/?id=3929&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1)

**May Bank Holiday Monday arrangements for out of hours GP services**

In line with national advice we can confirm that the CCG is not expecting any Vale of York Practices to open on the 25 May Bank Holiday.

Normal Bank Holiday cover arrangements will apply with Vocare picking up any Primary Care emergency requirements that are directed to them via NHS 111.

On that basis, Practices are asked to ensure that patients are aware, via Practice web sites, etc., that normal Bank Holiday arrangements apply – i.e. patients should contact NHS 111 in the first instance if they need any routine medical advice, and to call 999 for any life-threatening emergencies.

**Central Alerting System: Influenza season 2019-20: Ending the prescribing and supply of antiviral medicines in primary care**

Practices should have received the above alert.  In case this has not made its way through here is a summary of the details.

The most recent surveillance data from Public Health England indicates that circulation of influenza in the community has returned to baseline levels. GPs and other prescribers working in primary care should no longer prescribe antiviral medicines, for the prophylaxis and treatment of influenza on an FP10 prescription form.

**Further multidisciplinary support for care homes**

A letter from Michelle Carrington, the CCG’s Executive Director of Quality and Nursing has written to Vale of York care homes about further multidisciplinary support for care homes. This letter is has copied to member practices for information and is available at the link above.

**Medical assessments for prospective foster carers, adoptive parents and special guardians**

The NYCC Children and Young People’s Service has informed us of a few cases where they are being delayed in working in the best interests of children because they cannot proceed to court for a Special Guardianship Order where have not received the adults medical assessment from Primary Care.

The team recognises the current pressure that everyone is working under but asks that medical assessments of adults considered to be Special Guardians, Adoptive Parents and Foster Carers remain a priority. During the pandemic the assessments can be carried by a review of the medical and a video consultation and the form has been edited to reflect this. It is understood that these are readily available to practices.