

Covid-19 Brief – 7 January 2021

This brief is circulated to all practices in NYCCG along with health care providers supporting the response to the Covid-19 pandemic

Please forward this to all relevant staff in your Practice.

Email for Covid ICC Hub contact: nyccg.covid19@nhs.net

Please use this email for queries as it can be covered at times of absence of individuals.

Links for health professionals:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

Public Health Incidence Map:

<https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/>

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/coronavirus-data>

This bulletin contains practical and place based information. YORLMC is also issuing regular COVID-19 updates which provide mainly clinical and professional updates, particularly for GPs; these are emailed by YORLMC direct to individual GPs and all practice managers

No.	Title	For	Relevant to	Brief description
1.	Medicines Delivery Service	Information	GP Practices	Nationwide Commissioning Announcement
2.	Covid-19 Vaccine Deployment in Community Settings SOP	Information	GP Practices	Updated Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)
3.	Learning disability and autism, dementia and mental health	Information	All	Patient, carer and family engagement and communication during the coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic
4.	SOP for General Practice	Information	GP Practices	Standard operating procedure (SOP) for general practice in the context of coronavirus (Covid-19)
5.	Oximetry @home Webinars	Information	GP Practices	Useful information enclosed
6	TEWV Covid-19 Contingency Arrangements	Information	All	Update for partners regarding TEWV Covid-19 contingency plans
7.	Mobile Covid-19 Testing	Information	All	Updated information from 21.10.2020

1. Medicines Delivery Service

Please find attached a nationwide commissioning announcement from NHSE&I regarding the home delivery of medicines and appliances during the Covid-19 outbreak.

2. Covid-19 Vaccine Deployment in Community Settings SOP

Please find attached the updated SOP for Covid-19 vaccination services deployment in community settings for information.

This will be added to the NHSE&I website shortly:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination-programme/primary-care-guidance/>

3. Learning disability and autism, dementia and mental health

Please find attached a suite of resources for mental health, learning disability and autism coronavirus guidance.

4. SOP for General Practice

Please see the link for the new General Practice SOP:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/publication/managing-coronavirus-covid-19-in-general-practice-sop/>

5. Oximetry @home Webinars

Oximetry @home is now included in the [revised NHS England GP SOP](#) and will be an important tool as case numbers rise to ensure people with covid can be kept home safely, and those with silent hypoxia are recognised early.

NY CCG has worked with the LMC and OCNs to design a [local model](#) which was soft-launched to practices on 21 December. There are two upcoming webinars to support its implementation:

1. The first is a national webinar **13:00 – 14:00 on Tues 12 January 2021**. It will cover silent hypoxia, COVID-19 and emerging evidence, the COVID Oximetry @home model and why it's important, and the NIHR evaluations of COVID Oximetry @home.
Click [here](#) to register.
2. The second is a local NY CCG webinar **12:30 – 13:15 on Weds 13 January 2021**. It will cover the local model in more detail, including background to oximetry @home, a walk through the NY CCG pathway including which patients are eligible, use of hot clinics, patient self-care resources, additional resources available for more enhanced monitoring, and using S1 and EMIS templates. We would like to ask if at least one person from each practice could access the local webinar so that the learning on the clinical pathway and its implementation can be cascaded throughout practices.

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

A recording of the webinar will be made available after the event.

In the meantime, if there are any questions on implementing the local pathway please contact:

- Dr Bruce Willoughby brucewilloughby@nhs.net (Clinical)
- Sam Haward samhaward@nhs.net (Operational)
- Julie McGregor Julie.mcgregor1@nhs.net (Care homes)

6. TEWV Covid-19 Contingency Arrangements

Please find attached an updated from TEWV regarding their Covid-19 contingency arrangements.

7. Mobile Covid-19 Testing

Please see below an update regarding Covid-19 testing for Primary Care Staff.

The capacity for testing at mobile testing units has increased throughout the CCG locality and across Yorkshire and the North East as a whole.

To book a test please visit: www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test

Tests are only available for those who meet the eligibility criteria found here:

www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested

Due to an increase in testing capacity the drive through service available to clinical practitioners only without prior booking is **no longer** available. All primary care and their household members must follow the link above to book a test.

People will need to attend in their own household vehicle. Those arriving on public transport, taxis or walking will not gain access to the site and will not be able to undergo a test.

For those who do not have access to a household vehicle there is the option of requesting a home testing kit, this offer is specially aimed at those who are unable to access the other programmes of test.

The postal testing kits can be requested by those who fit the national criteria and supporting information can be found here: www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested

For those who do not have any access to the internet, or who have difficulty with the digital portals, will be able to ring the 119 service to book their test. The line is free from landlines and mobiles and is open 7am-11pm. If no tests are available online, do not call the helplines to get a test. No extra tests are available through the helplines.

Due to their temporary nature these sites are self-booking sites (through the links provided above) and do not require prior CCG approval.

In case of queries regarding testing for residents in Care Homes – this can be arranged by phoning PHE on 0113 386 0300. This phone number will connect you to the Yorkshire and Humber Health Protection Team (HTP). Care home staff can access testing at the mobile testing locations. Tests for staff and residents (symptomatic and asymptomatic) can be ordered for delivery through the following link: www.gov.uk/apply-coronavirus-test-care-home

If you meet the criteria for Covid-19 testing and are unable to book a test through the national testing sites please email nyccg.covid19@nhs.net for advice.