**COVID-19 update**

**28 April 2020**

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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)

**Funding and finance**

**Funding**

Following some of the recent communications we thought it would be helpful to provide some further clarity on how to access Covid-19 related funding streams. This takes into account the latest national guidance, which is changed and refined on a regular basis, and some of the feedback and frequently asked questions we have received from yourselves. Please be assured we are trying to make this as clear and straightforward as possible for all involved in these processes.

**GP IT Capital**

In recognition of the significant increase in IT required in response to COVID-19, NHSE/I has sought to procure both GPIT and Acute Provider laptops nationally so Trusts and CCGs requiring additional laptops to those already distributed will need to liaise with their Regional Digital Leads to seek access to nationally allocated laptops before making claims for COVID-19 capital for that purpose. All prospective laptop orders will need to be done via this central route and will be managed with NECS via the CCG (Shaun Macey and Cari Jones).

For those of you that have already purchased laptops in 2019/20, prior to those distributed via NECS, the latest guidance is that these will be funded via GP IT capital and we are waiting for our claim to be reimbursed so that we can pass this onto you.

**Revenue funding**

The payment on account already made by the CCG to each PCN, £0.30 per head, is to cover revenue costs only and therefore any laptop costs should not be accounted for against this funding and need to be reclaimed, in line with the above, separately from the CCG.

We would like to say thank you to all the practices who have submitted their returns so far.  A revised revenue return was circulated on 9th April , please can you ensure that you use this return for your weekly claims attached here “Primary Care Covid expenditure return template v2”.  If you need any advice on categorising the expenditure please let us know.  We have now had the opportunity to review a number of claims and would like to ask the following:

* Please use clear descriptions for each expenditure line
* Use separate lines for different items of expenditure – for example hand sanitizer (which would be consumables – decontamination) and gloves (which would be consumables – PPE)
* Please complete the date covered field

**Bulk buying**

We have been asked if practices and PCNs can purchase on behalf of other practices in order to achieve bulk buying benefits.  This is acceptable however we ask that you let Caroline Goldsmith know if you plan to do this and mark it clearly on your return.

**Bank holiday costs**

Thank you to everyone who has submitted their separate bank holiday costs return, attached here “Practice Easter Claim Form”.  We are still awaiting a few claims – please can you ensure that they are submitted as soon as possible.  These returns will be reviewed and once approved you will be asked to invoice for your reimbursement.

**Invoicing for covid-19 costs**

We would kindly ask that reimbursements for revenue, capital and bank holiday costs are invoiced separately so that we can maintain a clear audit trail.

Please can you ensure that invoices are clearly marked ‘covid costs – revenue’, ‘covid costs – capital’ or ‘covid costs - bank holiday’ and are addressed as follows:

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Please ensure that a copy is sent in the post or uploaded via Tradeshift.