**COVID-19 update**

**Information correct as of 1pm 20 May 2020**

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* 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**

CCG updates to primary care (Information from the North Yorkshire and York Ethics Committee)

[Patient and Carer documentation regarding administration of subcutaneous injection](https://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk/seecmsfile/?id=3935&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1)

* [6a Consent Form for Patient or Carer Administration of Subcutaneous Medication (Palliative Care)](https://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk/seecmsfile/?id=3936&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1)
* [6b A Guide to Patient and Carer Administration of Subcutaneous Medication (Palliative Care)](https://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk/seecmsfile/?id=3939&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1)
* [6c Protocol for Patient or Carer Administration of Subcutaneous Medication (Palliative Care)](https://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk/seecmsfile/?id=3938&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1)
* [6d Carer Medication Diary](https://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk/seecmsfile/?id=3937&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1)

Prescribing and Community Pharmacy updates

[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&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1)

## Provider updates

[May Spring Bank Holiday 2020 - Medequip Service Arrangements](https://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk/seecmsfile/?id=3941&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1)

[Vale of York and North Yorkshire Integrated Community Equipment newsletter 18 May 2020](https://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk/seecmsfile/?id=3943&inline=1)

**Recall of Emerade® adrenaline pens**

Please see the alert regarding the [recall of Emerade 500mcg adrenaline pens.](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/patients-informed-to-exchange-emerade-500-micrograms-adrenaline-pens-for-a-different-brand?utm_source=a8a709d9-1045-4ed1-81a7-4814a8debdab&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate)

The guidance from MHRA  is for patients to return any unused Emerade 500mcg pens **ONLY AFTER** they have a new prescription and have been supplied with pens of an alternative brand. Practices are asked to contact patients who use Emerade 500mcg pens advising them of the recall and to offer advice on the replacement of their pens. The recall is due to reports of difficulty in activating the pens, meaning the dose of adrenaline may not be delivered when needed by a patient for a severe, acute allergic reaction (anaphylaxis).

The suitable alternative brand and dose of pens are:

* Epipen 300mcg Adrenaline Auto-injector
* Jext 300mcg Adrenaline Auto-injector

Patients should be familiar with how  to use the different brand of pen as each is administered differently and are reminded of the advice to carry 2 pens at all times. There is a large amount of patient information including “how to use” videos on the respective manufacturer websites. <http://www.epipen.co.uk/patients/> and <https://jext.co.uk/>

Both manufacturers advise that there are plentiful supplies of both pens available through Alliance wholesalers.

**Foss Park – drone film footage**

Colleagues in primary care have asked for more information and images of the new mental health facility, Foss Park.  If you would like to watch the footage filmed by drone go to <https://www.facebook.com/546647065346402/videos/1586957021461198/>