**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**

CCG updates to primary care

[Instructions for Self-Collection of Vaginal Swabs - Hull University Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust leaflet](https://www.hey.nhs.uk/pathology/departmentofinfection/virology/vaginal-swabs/)

Mental health and learning disability

[Mental health crisis single point of access poster](https://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk/seecmsfile/?id=3951&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=3947&inline=1)

[Serious shortage protocols (SSPs)](https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pharmacies-gp-practices-and-appliance-contractors/serious-shortage-protocols-ssps)

[Drug Alert: Flualprazolam](https://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk/seecmsfile/?id=3945&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&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&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1)

Safeguarding

[Safeguarding adults contact list York and North Yorkshire](https://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk/seecmsfile/?id=3949&inline=1)

[Safeguarding children contact list York and North Yorkshire](https://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk/seecmsfile/?id=3950&inline=1)

**Serious Shortage Protocol for Fluoxetine 40mg capsules**

A Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP) has been issued for fluoxetine 40mg capsules. The SSP will enable community pharmacists in England, Wales and Northern Ireland presented with a prescription for fluoxetine 40mg capsules to supply patients with 2 x fluoxetine 20mg capsules.

This SSP is now published on the NHS Business Services Authority (BSA) website under a dedicated SSP [web page](https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pharmacies-gp-practices-and-appliance-contractors/serious-shortage-protocols-ssps) along with supporting guidance. The SSP is currently due to expire on 20 July 2020. Should this change, the SSP will be updated accordingly and published on the web page.

If you have any questions regarding the SSPs please contact the NHS Prescription Service by email nhsbsa.prescriptionservices@nhsbsa.nhs.uk phone 0300 330 1349 or Text phone 18001 0300 330 1349

This information has been cascaded separately to all community pharmacies.

**Drug Alert: Flualprazolam**

Above is a link to a drug alert from the North Yorkshire Drugs Early Warning and Alert System.

**Primary care in care homes during COVID-19 (webinar)**

This webinar will share examples of current good practice and collaboration between primary care and care homes, including resources to support virtual ward rounds. Chaired by Dr Jonathan Leach OBE, RCGP Hon Sec and COVID lead, join Dr Gail Allsopp, RCGP Clinical Policy Lead, Anita Astle MBE, Managing Director of Wren Hall Nursing Home in Nottingham, and Dr Alison Tavaré, Primary Care Clinical Lead at West of England Academic Health Science Network (AHSN) to explore:

* RCGP ‘top tips’ for GPs caring for care homes
* Providing person-centred care in times of COVID-19
* COVID-19 virtual wards
* Resources to support virtual ward rounds

This will be followed by a Q&A session. The webinar will be held on **Wednesday 27 May, 3-4pm** and you can [register here](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/primary-care-in-care-homes-during-covid-19-tickets-106070906938). It will be recorded and shared afterwards. This is the second in a series jointly organised by the [Royal College of General Practitioners](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/W__pCROqQC5ORpuNX8Pk/) and the [AHSN Network](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/PGyoCVAxXfgZ5Euygxzn/). You can watch the first webinar here: [COVID-19: Patient assessment and the role of physiology and oximetry](https://youtu.be/EUGurkVfJQI).

**Useful resources**

[COVID-19 place based approach to reducing health inequalities overview](https://www.local.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/COVID-19%20place%20based%20approach%20to%20reducing%20health%20inequalities%20overview_0.pdf)

[COVID-19 Summary of Guidance and support for vulnerable groups](https://www.local.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/COVID-19%20Summary%20of%20Guidance%20and%20support%20for%20vulnerable%20groups.pdf)

[COVID-19 Suggestions for mitigating the impact on health inequalities at a local level](https://www.local.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/COVID-19%20Suggestions%20for%20mitigating%20the%20impact%20on%20health%20inequalities%20at%20a%20local%20level%20%282%29.pdf)

[COVID-19 Health Equity Assessment Tool (HEAT) for local areas](https://www.local.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/COVID-19%20Health%20Equity%20Assessment%20Tool%20%28HEAT%29%20for%20local%20areas_0.pdf)

[COVID-19 Data tools to support local areas](https://www.local.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/COVID-19%20Data%20tools%20to%20support%20local%20areas_0.pdf)

[COVID-19 Estimated population at risk by LA](https://www.local.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/COVID-19%20Estimated%20population%20at%20risk%20by%20LA.xlsx)