## **CORONAVIRUS NEWS UPDATES - 2**





- tips for primary care providers (GPs)

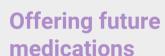




Many of you will be working remotely with clinicians and conducting consultations with patients utilising technology. Make sure you get in touch with your colleagues, commissioners and your system providers to establish the best technology solution for your practice.



Make sure you have your BCP ready, tested and reviewed. Double check that you have your home working policies, such as the DSE risk assessments completed. Keep in touch with your team members that are working from home.



It is understandable that patients are now anxious and concerned about their access to future medication. If you are considering issuing a larger quantity than the usual per script, it is important to think about how this will affect your prescribing budget. You can also review the possibilities of repeat dispensing, online script requests and post-dated scripts as a last resort.

If you choose to go with post-dated scripts, make sure your local pharmacies are aware.



## **Keep your patients** informed

Keep your patients up-to-date with how they can best access your services. Inform them of vour decisions on what are essential treatments and what can wait to avoid further risk. Advise your patients to set up for online consultations or download the NHS apps to make appointments virtually.

## **Statutory leave** & time off

As well as individuals being unwell and off sick, employees are entitled to time off work to help take care of a dependant in an unexpected event or emergency, such as Coronavirus.

There is no statutory right to pay for this time off. However, you may mutually agree with your staff to use their annual leave to take care of a dependant.



## Statutory Sick Pay

Statutory Sick Pay (SSP) is due if your staff member needs to self-isolate because,

- · they have coronavirus;
- they have coronavirus symptoms, for example, a high temperature or new continuous cough;
- · someone in their household has coronavirus symptoms
- they've been told to self-isolate by a doctor or NHS 111.

Our latest video series - "Coronavirus News Updates", provides regular tips to social care and primary care providers is now available at https://www.qcs.co.uk/coronavirus-updates/. We'll be updating our content regularly, so please keep checking our website and social media.











