

Patient Information Leaflet

Important information about treatments for COVID-19

You have been identified by your healthcare team as being at increased risk if you become unwell with COVID19. This means that you might be suitable for anti-viral / antibody treatments if you get COVID19. When given early to people with particular risk factors these medicines can help to reduce the severity of the illness.

The NHS has a COVID Medicine Service to provide access to those treatments in community. You will need to have free test kits for your personal use if you feel ill and be concerned about COVID. **Test kits are available via the following link [Order COVID-19 rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk) or by calling 119 if eligible and making a requesting.**

If you test positive for COVID19, and are uncertain about what to do you should immediately contact 111, your GP, or for some people, your hospital specialist if you have been advised to do so. You will be able to discuss whether they need to refer you for an assessment for treatment.

You also have the option for self-referral and can access COVID-19 treatments in your local area. Your local COVID-19 Medicine Delivery Unit (CMDU) provider for Cheshire and Merseyside is Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust. If you test positive and would like to refer yourself for an assessment for COVID-19 treatment, you can do so by contacting us via telephone.

You can refer to the COVID-19 Medicine Delivery Unit (CMDU) at Mersey Care using the phone number below:

0151 296 7222 - Lines are open from 9-5, 7 days a week

Before you contact us, please make sure that you have a positive Lateral Flow Test (LFT) result within the last 5 days and your COVID-19 symptoms started within 5 days. If your symptoms started more than 5 days ago your local CMDU cannot provide you COVID-19 treatment as community treatment is effective when given early. In this instance, please contact NHS 111 your GP practice or hospital consultant for other treatment options.

When contacting us you will be asked to provide us the following information to get you registered on to our system:

Full name

NHS Number

Date of Birth

Address including post code

Your GP practice

Date of most recent positive lateral flow test (LFT)

Date when your symptoms started

Contact details (a telephone number is essential)

Please remember, this service can only provide COVID-19 treatment if you are well enough to stay in your usual home. If you are very unwell or would like to seek help for any other illness or concern, please contact NHS 111, GP Practice or in an emergency, 999.

More information for COVID-19 treatment is available at:

www.nhs.uk/CoronavirusTreatments

For information on how the Trust uses your information, please see the Patient Privacy Notice on the website at <https://www.merseycare.nhs.uk/about-us/privacy>

To: [Clinician]

Dear

Important information about treatments for patients testing positive for COVID-19 who are deemed at highest risk of getting seriously ill

A letter has recently been circulated by NHSE to your patients who are part of the group of patients who are deemed at highest risk of getting seriously ill from COVID-19. The letter explains who patients should contact should they test positive for COVID-19. This includes contacting their GP practice, Hospital specialist or NHS111 to access specific COVID-19 treatments.

A copy of this letter can be found on the link below:-

[NHS England » Letter to patients: Important information about treatments for Covid](#)

The reason for this letter to patients is because on 27th June 2023, the way in which COVID-19 positive test results are recorded will change and the onus is now on the patient to contact their GP practice, Hospital Specialist, NHS111 or the local CMDU for access to specific COVID-19 treatments. The patient will need to carry out an LFT test and this must be positive. **Patients will be able to obtain lateral flow tests for free until at least September 2023. Test kits are available via the following link [Order COVID-19 rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) or by calling 119 if eligible and making a requesting.**

Patients have always been able to be referred by GP practices, hospital consultants and NHS111 into the CMDU and this process will not change. We will still require a referral form which I have attached, and this should be emailed to mcn-tr.cmdu@nhs.net

However, from 27th June 2023, patients are now also able to self-refer to the COVID-19 Medicines Delivery Unit (CMDU) by calling:-

0151 296 7222 - Lines are open from 9-5, 7 days a week

The local COVID-19 Medicine Delivery Unit (CMDU) provider for Cheshire and Merseyside is Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust.

Before the patient contacts us, they should ensure that they have carried out a positive Lateral Flow Test (LFT) result within the last 5 days and onset of their COVID-19 symptoms are within 5 days. If their symptoms started more than 5 days ago then the CMDU cannot provide COVID-19 treatment and they will be informed to contact their GP practice or NHS 111 for other treatment options.

When contacting us patients will be asked to provide us the following information to register them on to our system:

Full name

NHS Number

Date of Birth

Address including post code

Their GP practice

Date of most recent positive lateral flow test (LFT)

Date when their symptoms started

Contact details (a telephone number is essential)

Please remember, the CMDU service can only provide COVID-19 treatment for the highest risk patients who could become seriously ill if contracting COVID-19 and these high-risk conditions are contained within the web-link below.

www.nhs.uk/CoronavirusTreatments

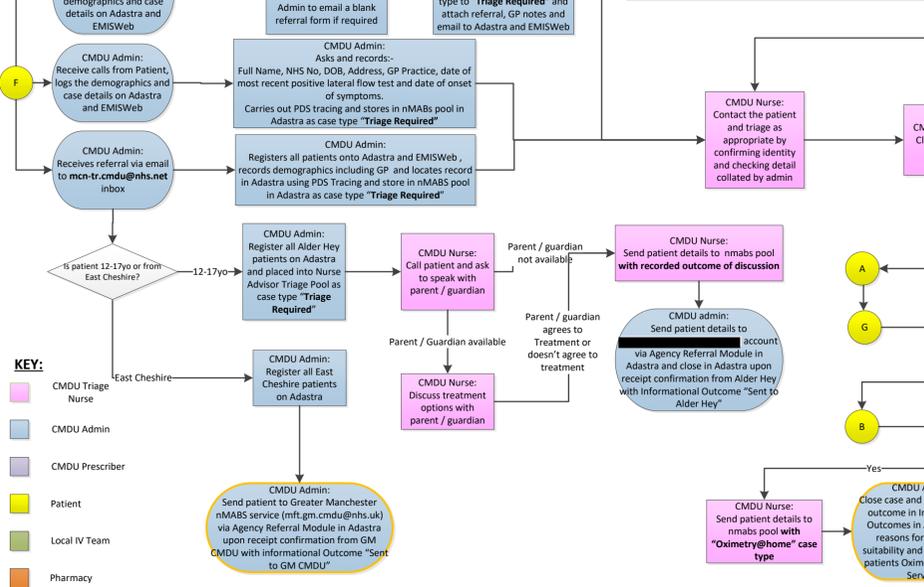
If you require any further information please contact us via telephone on 0151 296 7222 or via email at [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

Cheshire and Merseyside CMDU

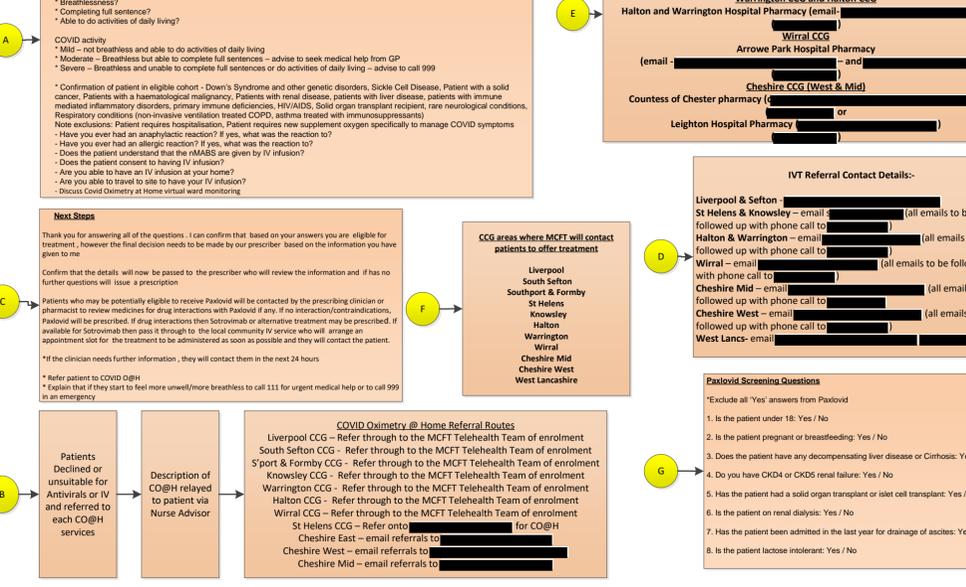
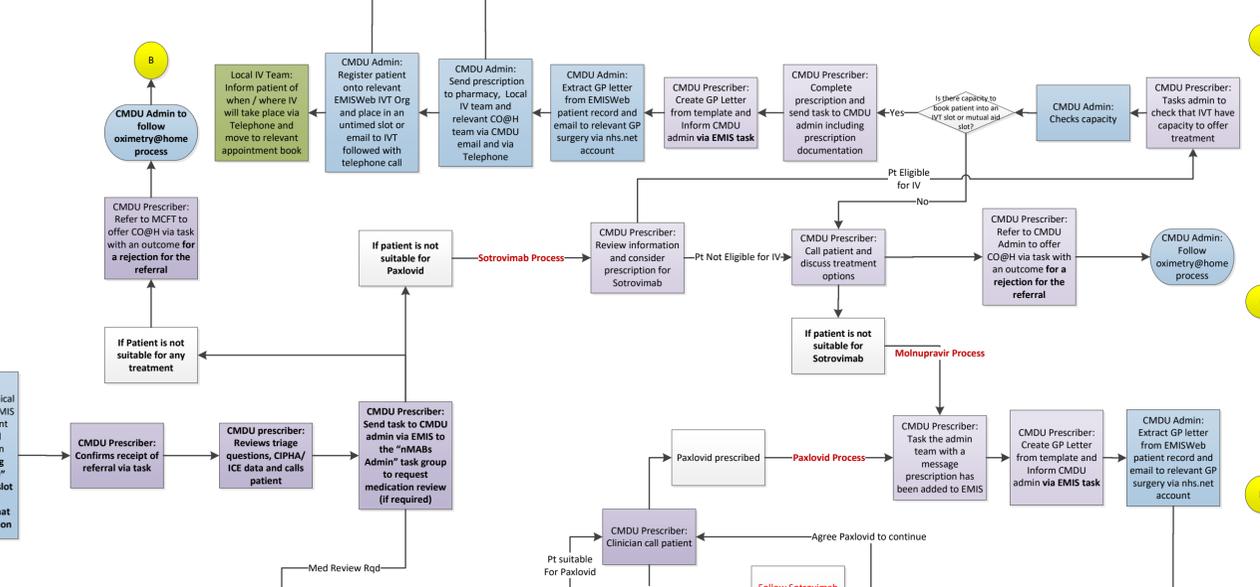
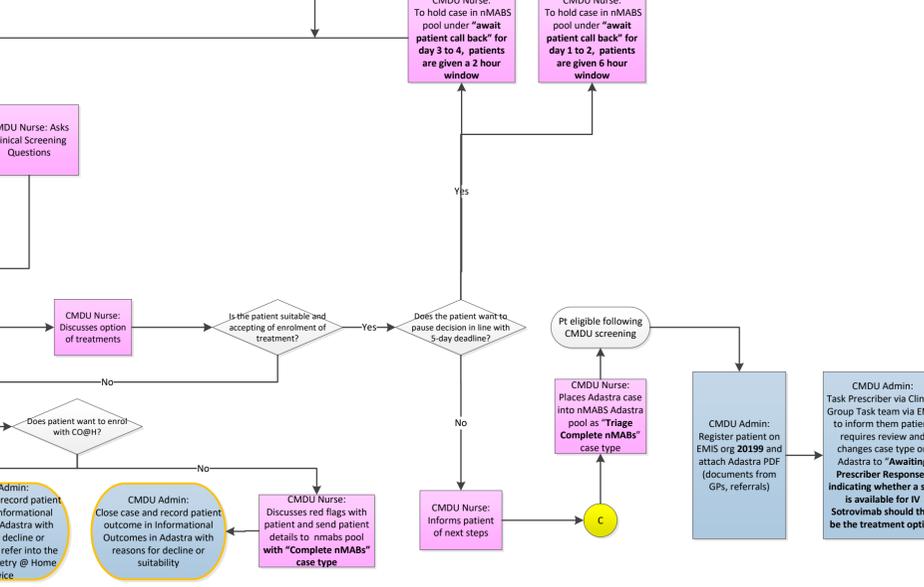
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CRM CMDU Contact Details:-
 Admin: Mon-Sun 09:00 – 17:00
 Clinical Triage: Mon-Sun 09:00 – 17:00
 Telephone number: 0151 296 7222
 Email address: [redacted]



KEY:

- CMDU Triage Nurse
- CMDU Admin
- CMDU Prescriber
- Patient
- Local IV Team
- Pharmacy



Clinical Screening Questions
 * Nurse Advisor to read out script of what treatment options are available

- * When did your symptoms of Covid 19 start? (should be within 5 days of symptom onset)
- * Can you tell me what your symptoms are (temperature, continuous cough, loss of sense of taste or smell) – record symptoms
- * Are symptoms improving
- * Can you tell me the date of your positive LFT test
- * Have you had your Covid Vaccinations, if yes can you confirm:
 - Date of first vaccination
 - Date of second vaccination
 - Date of booster vaccination
 - Breathlessness?
 - Completing full sentence?
 - Able to do activities of daily living?
- COVID activity
 - * Mild – not breathless and able to do activities of daily living
 - * Moderate – Breathless but able to complete full sentences – advise to seek medical help from GP
 - * Severe – Breathless and unable to complete full sentences or do activities of daily living – advise to call 999
- * Confirmation of patient in eligible cohort - Down's Syndrome and other genetic disorders, Sickle Cell Disease, Patient with a solid cancer, Patients with a haematological malignancy, Patients with renal disease, patients with liver disease, patients with immune mediated inflammatory disorders, primary immune deficiencies, HIV/AIDS, Solid organ transplant recipient, rare neurological conditions, Respiratory conditions (non-invasive ventilation treated COPD, asthma treated with immunosuppressants)
- Note exclusions: Patient requires hospitalisation. Patient requires new supplement oxygen specifically to manage COVID symptoms
- Have you ever had an anaphylactic reaction? If yes, what was the reaction to?
- Have you ever had an allergic reaction? If yes, what was the reaction to?
- Does the patient understand that the nMABS are given by IV infusion?
- Does the patient consent to having IV infusion?
- Are you able to have an IV infusion at your home?
- Are you able to travel to able to have your IV infusion?
- Discuss Covid Oximetry at Home virtual ward monitoring

Next Steps
 Thank you for answering all of the questions. I can confirm that based on your answers you are eligible for treatment. However the final decision needs to be made by our prescriber based on the information you have given to me
 Confirm that the details will now be passed to the prescriber who will review the information and if has no further questions will issue a prescription

Patients who may be potentially eligible to receive Paxlovid will be contacted by the prescribing clinician or pharmacist to review medicines for drug interactions with Paxlovid if any. If no interactions/contraindications, Paxlovid will be prescribed. If drug interactions then Sotrovimab or alternative treatment may be prescribed. If available for Sotrovimab then pass it through to the local community IV service who will arrange an appointment slot for the treatment to be administered as soon as possible and they will contact the patient.
 * If the clinician needs further information, they will contact them in the next 24 hours

* Refer patient to COVID DGH
 * Explain that if they start to feel more unwell/more breathless to call 111 for urgent medical help or to call 999 in an emergency

CCG areas where MCET will contact patients to offer treatment
 Liverpool
 South Sefton
 Southport & Formby
 St Helens
 Knowsley
 Halton
 Warrington
 Wirral
 Cheshire Mid
 Cheshire West
 West Lancashire

Pharmacy Contact Details:-
 Liverpool CCG, South Sefton CCG, Southport & Formby CCG
 Aintree Hospital Pharmacy (email - [redacted])
 Knowsley CCG and St Helens CCG
 Whiston Hospital Pharmacy (email - [redacted])
 Warrington CCG and Halton CCG
 Halton and Warrington Hospital Pharmacy (email - [redacted])
 Wirral CCG
 Arrow Park Hospital Pharmacy (email - [redacted])
 Cheshire CCG (West & Mid)
 Countess of Chester pharmacy (email - [redacted])
 Leighton Hospital Pharmacy (email - [redacted])

IVT Referral Contact Details:-
 Liverpool & Sefton
 St Helens & Knowsley – email [redacted] (all emails to be followed up with phone call to [redacted])
 Halton & Warrington – email [redacted] (all emails to be followed up with phone call to [redacted])
 Wirral – email [redacted] (all emails to be followed up with phone call to [redacted])
 Cheshire Mid – email [redacted] (all emails to be followed up with phone call to [redacted])
 Cheshire West – email [redacted] (all emails to be followed up with phone call to [redacted])
 West Lancs- email [redacted]

Paxlovid Screening Questions
 *Exclude all 'Yes' answers from Paxlovid

1. Is the patient under 18: Yes / No
2. Does the patient have any decompensating liver disease or Cirrhosis: Yes / No
3. Does the patient have a solid organ transplant or islet cell transplant: Yes / No
4. Do you have CKD4 or CKD5 renal failure: Yes / No
5. Is the patient on renal dialysis: Yes / No
6. Has the patient been admitted in the last year for drainage of ascites: Yes / No
7. Is the patient lactose intolerant: Yes / No

Other CMDU Contact Details:-

Lancashire & South Cumbria CMDU
 Fylde: [redacted]
 Morecambe bay: [redacted]
 East Lancs/Pennine: [redacted]
 Central: [redacted]
 Staffordshire & Stoke CMDU: [redacted]



Cheshire & Merseyside Adult nMABs and Antiviral Referral Form

Please send this referral form as an email to [REDACTED]

DATE OF REFERRAL: Long date letter merged

To refer your patient they must meet the below criteria –

Positive PCR or LFT test within 5 days plus Symptom onset within 5 days

Symptoms can include a high temperature, a new, continuous cough, shortness of breath, feeling tired or exhausted, an aching body, headache, a sore throat, a blocked or runny nose, loss of appetite, diarrhoea or feeling sick / vomiting.

Patients should remain symptomatic with NO signs of improvement.

Does the patient have mental capacity to agree to this referral? Y N

This referral has been discussed with the patient and the patient consents to relevant information being shared with the service provider. Patient consent will include provider access to Summary Care Records. If consent not obtained, please provide further details:

Does clinician have consent to discuss with patient's relative Y N

If yes state relatives name and number (Next of Kin / Main Carer):

PATIENT DETAILS

Title: Title	Surname: Surname	First Name: Given Name
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NHS No: NHS Number	Date of Birth: Date of Birth	Age: Age	Weight: Single Code Entry: Body weight	Gender: Gender(full)
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Home address: Home Full Address (single line)	Postcode: Home Address Postcode
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Patient Home Contact No: Patient Home Telephone	Voicemails can be left? Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
Patient Mobile Contact No: Patient Mobile Telephone	Voicemails can be left? Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>

Ethnicity: Ethnic Origin	Languages: Main Language	Interpreter Required? Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
		Does the patient have hearing issues? Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>

Smoking Status: Single Code Entry: Never smoked tobacco...	Allergies: Allergies
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Any other risk factors/special circumstances the team need to be aware of:

Liver Function Test: Single Code Entry: Liver function test...	eGFR: Single Code Entry: Estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) monitoring...
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Medication
Medication

Past Medical History
Problems

Covid Status

Patients need to be COVID Positive and confirmed by PCR Test or LFT Test.

Type of COVID test taken: PCR LFT (Lateral flow test)

Date of onset of symptoms:

Date of COVID test:

Test(s) Positive Single Code Entry: Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 detected

Test(s) Negative Single Code Entry: Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 not detected

Please tick which cohort and description the patient meets from the list below

Please indicate with an X	Cohort	Please indicate with an X	Description
<input type="checkbox"/>	Down's syndrome	<input type="checkbox"/>	All patients with Down's Syndrome or other chromosomal disorders known to affect immune competence
<input type="checkbox"/>	Patients with a solid cancer	<input type="checkbox"/>	metastatic or locally advanced inoperable cancer
		<input type="checkbox"/>	lung cancer (at any stage)
		<input type="checkbox"/>	people receiving any chemotherapy (including antibody-drug conjugates), PI3K inhibitors or radiotherapy within 12 months. Patients with thyroid cancer who have undergone radio-iodine ablation will be eligible for treatment
		<input type="checkbox"/>	people who have had cancer resected within 12 months and who received no adjuvant chemotherapy or radiotherapy. Patients with basal cell carcinomas who have undergone local excision or topical treatment are not considered to be at sufficiently high risk to be eligible for treatment.
		<input type="checkbox"/>	people who have had cancer resected within 12 months and receiving no adjuvant chemotherapy or radiotherapy are expected to be at less risk (and thus less priority) but still at increased risk compared with the non-cancer populations
<input type="checkbox"/>	Haematological diseases and recipients of haematological stem cell transplant (HSCT)	<input type="checkbox"/>	allogeneic HSCT recipients in the last 12 months or active graft versus host disease (GVHD) regardless of time from transplant (including HSCT for non-malignant diseases)
		<input type="checkbox"/>	autologous HSCT recipients in the last 12 months (including HSCT for non-malignant diseases)
		<input type="checkbox"/>	individuals with haematological malignancies who have received CAR-T cell therapy in the last 24 months, or radiotherapy in the last 12 months
		<input type="checkbox"/>	individuals with haematological malignancies receiving systemic anti-cancer treatment (SACT) within the last 12 months
		<input type="checkbox"/>	all people who do not fit the criteria above, and are

			<p>diagnosed with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • myeloma (excluding monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (MGUS)) • AL amyloidosis • chronic B-cell lymphoproliferative disorders (chronic lymphocytic leukaemia, follicular lymphoma) • myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS) • chronic myelomonocytic leukaemia (CMML) • myelofibrosis • mature T-cell malignancy
		<input type="checkbox"/>	All patients with sickle cell disease
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>people with thalassaemia or rare inherited anaemia with any of the following (the decision to treat these patients will need to be at the individual patient level with input from the haematology consultant responsible for the management of the patient's haematological condition):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • severe cardiac iron overload (T2 * less than 10ms on magnetic resonance imaging) <p>severe to moderate iron overload (T2 * greater than or equal to 10ms on magnetic resonance imaging) plus an additional co-morbidity of concern (for example, diabetes, chronic liver disease or severe hepatic iron load on MRI)</p>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	individuals with non-malignant haematological disorders (for example, aplastic anaemia or paroxysmal nocturnal haemoglobinuria) receiving B-cell depleting systemic treatment (for example, anti-CD20, anti-thymocyte globulin (ATG) and alemtuzumab) within the last 12 months
<input type="checkbox"/>	Patients with renal disease	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>renal transplant recipients (including those with failed transplants within the past 12 months), particularly those who have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • received B cell depleting therapy within the past 12 months (including alemtuzumab, rituximab (anti-CD20), anti-thymocyte globulin) • an additional substantial risk factor which would in isolation make them eligible for monoclonals or oral antivirals • not been vaccinated prior to transplantation
		<input type="checkbox"/>	non-transplant renal patients who have received a comparable level of immunosuppression. Please refer to the section on 'Immune-mediated inflammatory diseases' below for a list of qualifying immunosuppressive therapies
		<input type="checkbox"/>	patients with chronic kidney disease (CKD) stage 4 or 5 (an eGFR less than 30ml per min per 1.73m ²) without immunosuppression
<input type="checkbox"/>	Patients with liver disease	<input type="checkbox"/>	people with cirrhosis Child-Pugh class A,B and C, whether receiving immune suppressive therapy or not. Those with decompensated liver disease (Child-Pugh B and C) are at greatest risk
		<input type="checkbox"/>	people with a liver transplant
		<input type="checkbox"/>	people with liver disease on immune suppressive therapy

			(including people with and without cirrhosis) – please refer to the section on ‘Immune-mediated inflammatory diseases’ below for a list of qualifying immunosuppressive therapies
<input type="checkbox"/>	Solid organ transplant recipients	<input type="checkbox"/>	Solid organ transplant recipients not in any of the above categories.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Patients with immune-mediated inflammatory disorders (IMID)	<input type="checkbox"/>	people who have received a B-cell depleting therapy (anti-CD20 drug for example rituximab, ocrelizumab, ofatumab, obinutuzumab) in the last 12 months
		<input type="checkbox"/>	people who have been treated with cyclophosphamide (IV or oral) in the 6 months prior to positive PCR
		<input type="checkbox"/>	people who are on biologics* or small molecule JAK-inhibitors (except anti-CD20 depleting monoclonal antibodies) or who have received these therapies within the last 6 months * People on monotherapy with biologics as maintenance therapy in IMIDs (including anti-IL17A, anti-IL-6R, anti-BLyS, anti-TNF, anti-IL12/23, vedolizumab and abatacept) appear not be at significantly increased risk of severe COVID-19 on available evidence but may have variable responses to currently available vaccines; physician discretion is advised in the context of patients in receipt of combination immune modification
		<input type="checkbox"/>	people who are on corticosteroids (equivalent to greater than 10mg per day of prednisolone) for at least the 28 days prior to positive PCR
		<input type="checkbox"/>	people who are on current treatment with mycophenolate mofetil, oral tacrolimus, azathioprine/mercaptopurine (for major organ involvement such as kidney, liver and/or interstitial lung disease), methotrexate (for interstitial lung disease) and/or ciclosporin
		<input type="checkbox"/>	people who exhibit at least one of: (a) uncontrolled or clinically active disease (that is required recent increase in dose or initiation of new immunosuppressive drug or IM steroid injection or course of oral steroids within the 3 months prior to positive PCR); and/or (b) major organ involvement such as significant kidney, liver or lung inflammation or significantly impaired renal, liver and/or lung function)
	Respiratory Conditions	<input type="checkbox"/>	People who are on immunosuppressants for Asthma or on corticosteroids (equivalent to greater than 10mg per day of prednisolone) for at least the 28 days prior to positive PCR
		<input type="checkbox"/>	COPD -on long term home non-invasive ventilation (NIV) and patients on long term oxygen therapy. People with moderate or severe disease (FEV1 greater than or equal to 50% predicted) who have required 4 or more courses of prednisolone 30mg for 5 days or greater in last 12 months
		<input type="checkbox"/>	People who have interstitial lung disease- all patients with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis

<input type="checkbox"/>	Immune deficiencies	<input type="checkbox"/>	Common variable immunodeficiency (CVID)
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Undefined primary antibody deficiency on immunoglobulin (or eligible for Ig)
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Hyper-IgM syndromes
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Good's syndrome (thymoma plus B-cell deficiency)
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID)
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Autoimmune polyglandular syndromes/autoimmune polyendocrinopathy, candidiasis, ectodermal dystrophy (APECED syndrome)
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Primary immunodeficiency associated with impaired type I interferon signalling
		<input type="checkbox"/>	X-linked agammaglobulinaemia (and other primary agammaglobulinaemias)
		<input type="checkbox"/>	any person with secondary immunodeficiency receiving, or eligible for, immunoglobulin replacement therapy
<input type="checkbox"/>	HIV/AIDS	<input type="checkbox"/>	people with high levels of immune suppression, have uncontrolled or untreated HIV (high viral load) or present acutely with an AIDS defining diagnosis
		<input type="checkbox"/>	people on treatment for HIV with CD4 less than 350 cells per mm ³ and stable on HIV treatment or CD4 greater than 350 cells per mm ³ and additional risk factors (for example, age, diabetes, obesity, cardiovascular, liver or renal disease, homeless, alcoholic dependency) The use of CD4 counts to assess eligibility for treatment applies only to those patients for whom CD4 counts are used to monitor for treatment compliance and/or levels of immune compromise. Where CD4 counts are not known, but concerns remain around potential immune compromise, discussion with the patient's HIV team is advised
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rare neurological conditions	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Multiple sclerosis
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Motor neurone disease
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Myasthenia gravis
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Huntington's disease
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dementia and Neurodegenerative disorders with severe frailty- (levels 7 or 8 on Clinical Frailty Scale, as part of a personalised care plan.) (Alzheimer's, vascular disease, Lewy body disease, Frontotemporal atrophy, Parkinson's disease).		
Name of Referrer: Free Text Prompt Profession: Free Text Prompt Organisation/Practice Code: Usual GP Organisation National Practice Code Contact No.: Free Text Prompt		GP Practice: Usual GP Organisation Name GP Practice Address: Usual GP Full Address (single line) GP Practice Contact No.: Usual GP Phone Number GP Practice E-mail Address:	
GP/Referrer Signature:		Date: Long date letter merged	