

COVID 19 Financial Support to Primary Care Providers

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The CCG recognises that many practices are beginning to incur some costs due to the COVID 19 response and the CCG wants to ensure that financial constraints do not stand in the way of taking immediate and necessary action.

The following areas of support have been confirmed in response to feedback from practices:

CCG Funded Resources

The CCG has identified a number of areas where resources will be centrally provided:

- Provision of laptops
- Provision of remote working solutions
- Some PPE / hand sanitiser
- Hotel accommodation

Information on these specific resources have been previously communicated through the daily briefing.

Locally Delivered Schemes

The CCG has already confirmed, in line with the national position, that practices will not be financial disadvantaged through the delivery of local schemes – the largest scheme relates to the Quality Improvement Schemes which includes the £6.54 (as per the PMS premium).

These payments will continue to be made and practices will be free to deploy the resources to deal with the COVID situation:

Nationally Delivered Schemes

The NHS England letter dated 19 March 2020 provided confirmation that QOF income will be protected to respond to COVID-19. In that letter further detail was provided on the work that could be suspended to support the COVID-19 response.

We would also like to draw to your attention some further work undertaken by the RCGP in identifying the prioritisation of work. We are continuing to refine this locally to provide greater clarity in some areas.

<https://www.rcgp.org.uk/-/media/Files/Policy/A-Z-policy/2020/covid19/RCGP%20guidance/20200323-RCGP-Guidance-on-the-prioritisation-routine-work-during-Covid>

Other Costs Incurred

The CCG recognises that many practices are purchasing additional equipment such as pulse oximeters / thermometers in addition to incurring additional staffing costs to cover increased sickness levels/due to staff self isolating.

In recognition of these costs and to provide some assurance to practices, we will be making a one off payment to practices based on the following:

- £800 per practice with list below 6000
- £1200 per practice with a list above 6000

This is an initial payment to recognise any sundry costs that may have been incurred. All costs that are above normal staffing absences, please record on the attached template.