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# COVID -19 Medicines optimisation key messages for practices – Issue 11

Please send all queries to the team inbox: MECCG.PIMMS@nhs.net
Please bear with us as like yourselves we are dealing with many challenges. We will do our best to respond in a timely manner but do consider that queries that have a wider impact may take longer to respond to whilst we seek guidance. We have set up a new page on our website for Covid-19 medicines resources:
https://midessexccg.nhs.uk/medicines-optimisation/covid-19-resources

## Care Home Resident Coding

Please ensure that all your care home patients are coded with one of the following codes
a. **160734000 (13F61) – Lives in a nursing home;**
b. **and b. 394923006 (XalmT) – Lives in a residential home.**
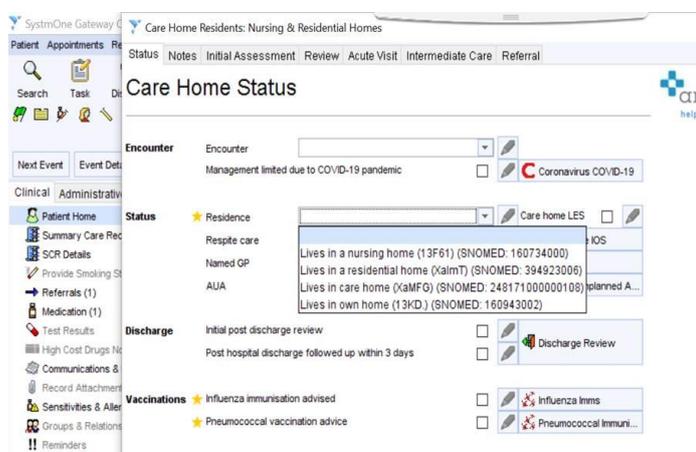


We are encouraging the use of Ardens templates for recording care home activity—but please ensure you choose the correct code from the drop-down. **'Lives in a care home' will not be acceptable under the PCN DES- and you may lose out on funding.**
This will allow us to fully utilise Eclipse Care Home Pathways to monitor the medication and outcomes using the established Alerts system with a focus on patient safety.
Full details on activity coding required for the PCN DES can be found here (LINK)

## Proxy Access -Electronic ordering of medicines by Care Homes

Proxy access to GP clinical systems enables care home managers (or delegated staff) to order medicines electronically on behalf of their residents. This has obvious benefits to GP practices in that prescription requests arrive electronically, removes risk of loss of paper prescriptions and generally speeds up the process- automatically producing a list of items ordered for the care home. We are encouraging practices and care homes to set this up. Please contact our MOCH pharmacist lead Irfan.Mirza@nhs.net 07949860332 for assistance. See information here LINK

## EPS one-off nominations

It is not always appropriate to send a patient's prescription to their usual nominated pharmacy e.g. on an evening or weekend when the patient's usual pharmacy will be closed. It is now possible to send a one-off script to a specific pharmacy without changing the patient's nominated pharmacy.
The one-off nomination functionality allows you to search for community pharmacies by postcode and opening hours and send the prescription electronically to this pharmacy.
A one-off nomination will not affect future prescriptions; these will continue to be sent to the patient's regular nominated pharmacy.
See the guidance on one off nominations in S1 LINK

## Step2Home, Sandon, Chelmsford

This is short stay (3 days to a maximum of 14 days) community provision run by ECL for patients discharged from hospitals awaiting results of COVID testing and/or finalised support plans before going home. It is not a care home and patients remain registered with their usual GP whilst staying in Sandon. An information leaflet for patients can be found HERE. GPs may be contacted by the pharmacy team supporting this facility requesting repeat prescriptions on behalf of these patients so that they do not run out of medicine before they go home. It is appropriate for you to continue to prescribe for patients temporarily residing there.

## Electronic Repeat Dispensing

The need for patient consent has been temporarily suspended until 30th June 2020 to enable increased use of eRDs. As we have EPS4 live across the CCG, practices may now transfer any patient onto eRDs. Please find help with doing this here-Electronic Prescription Service

## MOLES and Patient Safety Alerts

Practices have continued to focus on patient safety despite the pressures of the COVID pandemic- in April 89.40% RED alerts were actioned- an increase from 77.13% in March, and 35 of our practices achieved 100%. Thank you for all your hard work.