

14 April 2020

Dear colleagues,

NHSGGC PRACTICE UPDATE ON SHIELDING

Dear colleague,

Please see attached additional correspondence on Shielding from the Scottish Government. This includes a word version of the patient letter which can be tailored for individual patients if required, as well as information on support for patients in both the high risk (shielding) and increased risk categories. As per my letter on 9 April, we are still anticipating that the majority of patients who meet the criteria for Shielding will be identified by the additional searches which we are undertaking for practices, and that therefore the requirement for practices to identify additional patients should be minimal. These searches will be completed this week, and codes updated on practice systems in due course. In the meantime, if you do identify patients who need to be included, you can continue to issue letters directly to patients warning them that they may receive a duplicate letter in due course; and provide CHI numbers to COVIDshielding@ggc.scot.nhs.uk.

Thank you for your ongoing support on shielding. I appreciate the additional demands from patients that this has brought, and that the rapidly changing guidance and multiple letters are challenging. I will update practices as the situation develops.

If you have any concerns please contact me at pcph@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

Yours faithfully,

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