

Sent on behalf of NHS GGC COVID19 Primary Care Clinical Advisory Group

Dear colleagues,

Please find attached the agreed **NHS GGC community COVID19 symptomatic testing pathway** that describes the routes patients can use to access UK Govt testing (both domiciliary self-swabs and drive through sites such as Glasgow Airport).

Important: patients should only be referred for domiciliary testing if alternative routes to testing aren't possible – i.e. they are **unable** to undertake a self swab **and** have no household members able to assist them. As per the pathway there are both online and telephone routes into requesting a test via the UK Govt run portal – including delivery & collection of home test kits.

Where a domiciliary visit for a COVID19 swab is required please request a **delayed/'collect later' COVID19 (non care/nursing home) test** (see attached screenshots and user guide to finding this on ICE/Order Comms) & refer to the testing hub via SCI Gateway or telephone. Please note that the small number of patients seen in GP OOH who fit the above criteria for a domiciliary test will be asked to contact their GP surgery the next working day for a referral to the testing hub.

From Wednesday 8th July please use the **COVID 19 - Non Care or Nursing Home Patient Testing** SCI referral. Prior to this the current Care Home testing SCI referral form can be used - noting 'housebound' in the clinical details. Symptomatic or 'on admission' Care Home resident testing should be requested in the usual way - this process is unchanged. Please **do not** share the testing hub telephone number with patients/carers – this is for professional to professional calls and referrals only.

I also attach examples of the results as they come into GP systems – the vast majority of results are for information only. **Results of COVID19 tests requested by GPs directly will have the heading 'Virology'** whilst those requested elsewhere that are for information only will have 'UK Covid-19' (if from UK Govt sites/home swab kits) or 'Covid19 Report' (for tests conducted in other GGC settings such as CACs or as part of mass Care Home testing). As per the recent CMO letter only the small number of tests ordered by GPs directly will be the responsibility of the requesting GP to review and communicate to patient/carer. Please note however that the Test and Protect service provides a safety net for all positive results, regardless of origin, as they get in touch with every individual who has a positive swab to undertake contact tracing. I enclose the latest SCIMP recommended codes below for information:

To record	Code description	EMIS	Vision
Positive result for PCR (antigen) test	SARS-CoV-2 (severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2) detected	^ESCT1299074	4J3R100
Negative result for PCR (antigen) test	SARS-CoV-2 (severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2) not detected	^ESCT1299077	4J3R200

Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries. Very best wishes, Stuart

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