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1. Directors of Pharmacy
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Dear Healthcare Professional,

**COVID-19 THERAPEUTIC ALERT - INHALED BUDESONIDE FOR ADULTS (50 YEARS AND OVER) WITH COVID-19**

Please see the attached position statement on the interim results from the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) supported PRINCIPLE trial shows that inhaled budesonide (typically used and licensed in the management of asthma) can reduce the recovery time for COVID-19 positive patients being managed within primary care. This is the first COVID-19 treatment for use in the UK within a community setting. I would be grateful if you could cascade this information to relevant colleagues.

Could all Directors of Pharmacy please forward this alert to:-

- Hospital Pharmacists
- Community Pharmacists

Please could Medical Directors forward this alert to:-

- General Practitioners
- Accident & Emergency Departments
- Directors of Public Health
- Consultants in Communicable Diseases
- Relevant Clinics
- Chief Executives of NHS Board

Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely

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