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Dear Contractor,

Further to the issue of DL(2020)32, the following are updates in relation to the inclusion of the Primary Care workforce within the twice weekly Lateral Flow Device Routine Asymptomatic testing policy.

Opt-outs

Please note that the cut-off has passed for practices to opt-out of receiving Lateral Flow Device (“LFD”) kits via the nss.PrimaryCareLFDOptout@nhs.scot address. An automatic reply has been placed on this mailbox, and we cannot guarantee that practices who now request to opt-out will not still receive kits.

Please note that practices are expected to have consulted with all patient-facing staff before deciding to opt-out. Practices who have previously opted-out but now wish to participate in the programme can do so by contacting nss.PrimaryCareLFDOrderKits@nhs.scot. If any eligible staff subsequently wish to participate in routine testing, we expect practices to support them in doing so.

Delivery Information

- Dental practice deliveries will start from 24th February 2021 across a 4-week period - we have calculated the allocation by location, at each location we allocated 1 kit for a decontamination operative, an extra 1 kit for a receptionist, 1 for every dentist listed at the location, 2 additional LFT for every dentist listed at the location (to cover dental nurses employed using GDC data on the number of dental nurse registrants in Scotland as our proxy), and an additional LFT kit for every stood up surgery per location (data set from National procurement in discussion with Boards).
- General Practice deliveries will start from 25th February 2021 across a 4-week period. The number of kits supplied will depend on the size designation applied to each practice: i.e. Small = 5, Med = 10, Large = 20, XL =35
- Optometry practice deliveries will start from 1st March 2021 across a 4-week period. The number of kits supplied will depend on the size designation applied to each practice i.e. Small = 4, Med = 8, Large = 12, XL = 16
- Pharmacies deliveries will start from 1st March 2021 across a 4-week period, with at least 5 kits provided per pharmacy.

These kits will be delivered by a third-party courier company (Sykes) or by Royal Mail (for smaller deliveries). Unfortunately, we are unable to give a specific date when kits will arrive, however you will receive an email notification by the courier company within 24 hours of the intended delivery date.

If you have not received any notification by Wednesday 24th March 2021, please contact the mailbox nss.PrimaryCareLFDOrderKits@nhs.scot and we will investigate the issue and respond accordingly.

Each test kit supplied is for a single member of staff – **test kits must not be split or shared between staff members.**

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Return of Excess Test-Kits

If practices receive kits that they cannot (or do not wish to) use they can return kits by sending an email to the address; nss.PrimaryCareLFDOrderKits@nhs.scot and we will arrange for a return label to be sent out to you. Alternatively, you can use local networks to share with colleagues in other practices who may require more kits.

Please note that if your practice has received more kits than required for the initial group of staff, these can be held onto for future use by current staff or for use by visiting locums, students, new staff etc.

Requesting Additional Test-Kits

If your practice receives fewer kits than you need to commence testing, please order additional kits from nss.PrimaryCareLFDOrderKits@nhs.scot.

Locums

Arrangements for the supply of LFD test kits, for locums who cannot access these via an existing relationship with a practice or pharmacy, will be advised in due course.

Training

Staff within the Primary Care Workforce who intend to undertake LFD testing are reminded that they must complete the necessary training before doing so. This is available via TURAS at the following link:

<https://learn.nes.nhs.scot/28079/coronavirus-covid-19/protecting-yourself-and-yourworkplace-environment>

Accessing the Results Portal

Users should log results online by accessing the below link:

<https://nhsnss.service-now.com/covidtesting>

Kind Regards,

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