GP Advice Cover Note

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GP Advice 1 – Clinical Triage

GP Advice 2 - Cleaning Advice

GP Advice 3 – Practice Respiratory Appt (Not while community Pathway is in place)

GP Advice 4 - Home Visit

GP Advice 5 - Child Triage

GP Advice 6 – Practice Clinical Distancing

Changes as of 19th May 2020

NEW CASE DEFINITION

New Cough (<7days + Continuous)

AND/OR

± Fever

Loss of/change in sense of smell or

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AND/OR

NEW Breathlessness (MMRC >1)

Added to:-

± Risk Factors

GP Advice 1 – Clinical Triage

GP Advice 3 – Practice Respiratory Appt

GP Advice 4 - Home Visit

Child Triage change is under consideration

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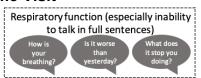
GP Advice 1 – Clinical Triage

Temperature changed to >37.8

Consistent with COVID-19 Scottish Primary Care Hub Triage Guide.
Although not part of HPS Case definition in the community.
Additional symptoms added to more closely match those in
HPS Primary Care Guidance

GP Advice 4 - Home Visit

Removed



To create space for the following change to match HPS guidance that patients can dispose of the used PPE.

GP Advice 6 – Practice Clinical Distancing

Changes to these boxes. Note the change to patients facing the clinician when wearing mask.

Patient phoned to come to the door, welcomed, mask put on, use hand sanitizer and clasp hands (to avoid touching) and brought to clinical room

Clinical Symptoms:

- Fever >37.8
- Dry cough (occas sputum)
- Sore throat
- Fatigue
- Pain

Other Symptoms: Dyspnoea, Chest pain, wheezing

Anosmia/Dysgeusia Headache, Dizziness, Abdominal pain, nasal congestion, Nausea, Diarrhoea, hoarseness

Dispose of as clinical waste on return or Patients can dispose of used PPE within disposable rubbish bags.
These should be:
placed into another bag

- tied securely
- kept separate from other waste
- put aside for at least 72 hours before being put in the usual external household waste bin.

Clinical history taken. Observations are taken by clinician (If patient NOT wearing mask, approaching from behind or the side).



COVID-19 APPROVED GUIDANCE

OFFICIAL SENSITIVE

Note: This guidance has been fast-tracked for approval for use within NHSGGC

Covid-19 GP Advice Cover Note

This guidance is intended to assist healthcare professionals in the choice of disease-specific treatments.

Clinical judgement should be exercised on the applicability of any guidance, influenced by individual patient characteristics. Clinicians should be mindful of the potential for harmful polypharmacy and increased susceptibility to adverse drug reactions in patients with multiple morbidities or frailty.

If, after discussion with the patient or carer, there are good reasons for not following guidance, it is good practice to record these and communicate them to others involved in the care of the patient.

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