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Dear Colleagues

**Capacity in primary care: scheme requirements Q3/Q4 in response to Covid-19**

With the requirement for primary care to deliver the Covid-19 vaccination programme, work has been undertaken to look at the scope of activity carried out in general practice and identify what needs to continue, as a minimum requirement to support high-risk patients and the health system, and what is not required for the remainder of 2020-21.

The following services must be continued although we recognise you may need to exercise clinical judgement and reschedule some of this work into a later month in the year;


- Immunisation (children and flu/pneumonia)
- Screening
- Learning disabilities LIS
- Implementation of pulse oximetry as part of managing Covid-19 symptomatic/positive patients in their own home
- Care home LIS
- Hot Clinics and Hot Home Visits
- Phlebotomy (where appropriate)
- Wound care
- Provision of care for those who need it ('at risk'/vulnerable patients, urgent same day care needs, booked appointments etc.)
- Serious Mental Illness LIS
- Sustainable Asthma (CYP) LIS

The requirement of general practice to offer the following is withdrawn with immediate effect until 31 March 2021:

- Atrial Fibrillation (AF) LIS
- Diabetes LIS
- Injectable therapies LIS
- Respiratory LIS (this includes the mobilisation of the spirometry and FeNO testing service)
- Latent TB screening LIS
- End of Life Care LIS
- Cancer Care Review LIS

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We wish to protect you from any negative financial impacts from this change and therefore, for the LISs that have primary care budgets associated with the scheme, payments for Q3 and Q4 will be calculated using the same method used for Q1 and Q2 – this is historic 2019-20 performance. Latent TB is funded through a national programme and we will work with NHSE on how best to manage this.

The CCG will work with you to achieve payments as soon as is reasonably possible.

If you have specific queries please address these to [bhrccgs.primarycare@nhs.net](mailto:bhrccgs.primarycare@nhs.net) where these will be collated for reply.

Yours sincerely,



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