

**Letter to GP Practices
regarding COVID-19 and
patients with long-term
conditions**

This letter pack is for GPs across Derby and Derbyshire in regards to managing their patients with long-term conditions and COVID-19. We are aware that the rapid developments in the recent days have led to a significant change in routine practice in addition to managing and treating patients face-to-face.

This pack covers guidance around updates to:

- Respiratory
- Diabetes
- Cardiovascular Disease
- Gastroenterology

Respiratory

- **New COVID-19 guidance**
- [Personal Protective Equipment](#)
- [Aerosol Generating Procedures](#)
- [Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Medicines Guidance](#)
- **NICE COVID-19 Rapid Guideline:** [Managing suspected or confirmed pneumonia in adults in the community](#)
- **NICE COVID-19 Rapid Guideline:** [Severe asthma](#)
- **Primary Care Respiratory Society** – [Guidance for the crisis management of asthma and COPD during the UK COVID-19 pandemic](#)

Please continue to check the [NHS England COVID-19 pages](#) and the [BTS for respiratory specific information](#).

Diabetes

Please find the COVID-19 Diabetes briefing updated as at 27 April 2020 [here](#).

Following on from the recent Diabetes Programme update shared below, please find links to additional resources and guidance in relation to coronavirus (COVID-19) and diabetes:

- **Diabetes-focused clinical guide for patient management during the coronavirus pandemic from NHS England & Improvement. All queries related to the clinical management of patients during the COVID-19 response should be directed to this document.**
[Diabetes focused clinical guide for patient management during the coronavirus pandemic](#)

- **Diabetes UK has a regularly updated resources page for Healthcare Professionals on coronavirus (COVID-19) and diabetes**
[Resources for healthcare professionals on COVID-19 | Diabetes UK](#)
- **Diabetes UK has a specific advice page on coronavirus for people living with diabetes**
[Updates: Coronavirus and diabetes | Diabetes UK](#)
- **Guidance for the maintenance and delivery of specialist diabetes services during COVID-19 from ABCD**
Produced by ABCD, Professor Gerry Rayman (In-Patient Diabetes lead for Diabetes UK) and a group of specialists in diabetes, this guidance describes the maintenance and delivery of specialist diabetes services during the COVID-19 response

[ABCD \(Association of British Clinical Diabetologists\) guidance for the maintenance and delivery of specialist diabetes services during COVID-19](#)
- **The Digital Surveillance (DS) pathway for existing diabetic retinopathy/maculopathy**
[Diabetic Eye Screening pathway overviews](#)

[PPE and staff protection requirements for ophthalmology](#)
- **General NHS England & Improvement Coronavirus guidance for clinicians and NHS managers can be found on the website:**
[Coronavirus](#)

Finally, with Ramadan beginning shortly, a reminder that Diabetes UK has patient information for managing diabetes during Ramadan on their website

[Ramadan and diabetes](#)

Cardiovascular Disease Update

No updates this week

Gastroenterology Update

No updates this week