

Thursday 12 March 2020

Dear colleagues

COVID-19 and Implications to Universal Enhanced Service Patient Offer LIS

Further to the recent escalation in the number of UK patients who are suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19, a decision has been taken by Birmingham and Solihull (BSol) Clinical Commissioning Group to suspend with immediate effect the delivery of the BSol Universal Enhanced Service Patient Offer (UESPO) LIS with the following exceptions:

1. Non Urgent Primary Care Initiated Phlebotomy
2. Non Complex Wound Management
3. Suture & Clip Removal
4. Shared Care Drug Prescribing
5. 12 Lead ECG for stable presentation and ongoing monitoring
6. Management of Stable Prostate Cancer and GnRH Injection Therapy
7. GnRH Injection Therapy for the Management of Endometriosis and Breast Cancer in Pre-Menopausal Women

The decision to maintain delivery of the 7 indicators of the UESPO LIS as listed above has been taken based upon the fact that each of these services are agreed to be core and essential components of ongoing patient care that are not routinely provided to patients as requirements of the national GP Contract and 2019-20 Quality and Outcomes (QOF) Framework.

As an end of year payment for the scheme, all BSol practices will receive all outstanding performance payments based upon full achievement of percentage thresholds for each performance indicator. Practices will then have up until the end of June 2020 to achieve the required end of year performance thresholds for the scheme. This timeline may be subject to review and subject to review could be extended based upon the progression of the COVID-19 virus.

We really appreciate all of the hard work that is being undertaken by practices at a very difficult time and can assure you that a very pragmatic reconciliation to the end of year process will then be undertaken to confirm final end of year payments for the scheme.

Should you have any questions relating to this decision, please contact the CCG using the following email address; bsolpc.contracts@nhs.net

Thank you for your ongoing support in this rapidly changing situation.