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Dear Practice Managers

### **Covid 19 Costs Submission**

Further to conversations with PCN directors, the LMC and colleagues meeting in the Primary Care Cell I agreed to confirm how funding relating to the Covid 19 crisis can be accessed.

To clear up any confusion, I can confirm the CCG has not been given a Covid funding allocation however we do have an opportunity to be reimbursed for costs incurred in responding to the crisis. The mechanism for reimbursement is in the form of a submission each month to NHS England which details actual costs incurred against pre-determined categories of costs.

So far the CCG has been reimbursed for items including bank holiday working in General Practice, set up and ongoing costs relating to the CHUB, patient transport services and hospital discharges. We have been given very clear instructions by NHSE this funding is not limitless and is subject to reasonableness and value for money tests; any costs outside these principles and issued guidance are unlikely to be funded. Any costs incurred and not reimbursed by NHSE are funded from CCGs baseline allocation and subsequently results in a cost pressure to the CCG.

We do recognise costs have been incurred by general practice in responding to the crisis therefore we want to give Practices an opportunity to be reimbursed for reasonable costs incurred. Following discussions with the LMC we agreed an appropriate way forward would be to include costs incurred in General Practice on the next submission, these costs must be reasonable and in line with any issued guidance. Please be aware by submitting the costs on this return is not a guarantee by the CCG to reimburse practices however we will do our very best to try and recoup costs incurred by practices.



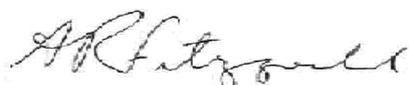
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To assist practices in the collation of costs a template will be issued for completion detailing the required information including submission date. This template will be sent to all Practice Managers by 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020, please contact me if this has not been received.

You should also have received communication from the CCG detailing the requirements relating to proactive care scheme during 2020/2021. I can further confirm the CCGs commitment to maintain funding for proactive care for 20/21 and to provide funding to those additional practices that have not historically provided proactive care.

Finally I would like to thank you for your ongoing support in these unprecedented times and I will be touch again to inform you of the outcome of the submission.

Yours sincerely



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