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## CEG COVID-19 Response & Support in East London

Dear Colleagues, please find latest updates on the support available from CEG during the COVID-19 crisis.

### Document Templates

NHSE announced [yesterday](#) a change to the 'shielding letter' for high risk patients. The original version issued in March defined the shielding period as 'for at least twelve weeks from today'; the updated version that they forgot to attach will define it as 'till 30th of June (subject to ongoing review)'. We have updated the letter in our EMIS Resource Publisher practices and will shortly do the same in EMIS non RP and in SystemOne.

Our colleagues in City and Hackney have a big Turkish population and they realised NHSE had not translated their shielding letter into Turkish. The organisation [Derman](#) translated it and we have published it in Resource Publisher in Hackney. If you live in another locality and need this document, don't hesitate to ask and we will share it with you.

The [Healthy London Partnership](#) has updated 3 of their suspected cancer referral forms (Lower GI, Breast and Lung) and we have updated those in our clinical systems. They have also written a letter to patients referred for suspected bowel cancer and we have also uploaded it so that you can send it to them.

### CEG COVID-19 Clinical Template

Template has been updated to v7.2 to align coding with SNOMED terms. The roll out starts in City and Hackney, shortly followed by the rest of the EMIS Resource Publisher localities and finally non Resource Publisher localities and SystemOne practices.

## What is the latest in how we manage patients in primary care

NHSE announces [Second Phase](#) of response. As well as facilitating patient access and embracing digital consultation, for primary care this means:

- stratifying and proactively contacting their high-risk patients with ongoing care needs, and in particular those in the shielding cohorts. We are working with NEL GPs to help you stratify LTC patients. City and Hackney have produced some searches already and other localities are welcome to pilot them.
- continuing preventative work and children vaccinations in particular. We are working to analyse the effect the emergency has had on child immunisation rates to see if we can support you to mitigate this
- [support care homes](#) residents – we will be giving some thought to how we could help you with this and would welcome your suggestions.

NHSE has newly identified 'a small number' of patients who are advised to shield and they should appear coded in your system this Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May. They would receive letters centrally, but you should contact them to make sure they are aware of their high risk status and what it means. You can find all about shielding and primary care [here](#).

## Patient Identifiable Data Access

As well as in Tower Hamlets, City & Hackney and Newham practices, CEG now have access to report patient identifiable data (PID) in Waltham Forest EMIS practices, this has been enabled by EMIS and does not require the practice to take any additional actions

During the COVID-19 epidemic there is now national approval for identifiable access to patient data under Regulation 3 (Health Service Control of Patient Information Regulations 2002). to enable other organisations such as the Local Authority, medicines management or other appropriate organisations to support additional requirements for people in isolation or other covid-19 health needs, planning and COVID related research.

Please be reassured we will never provide identifiable data to any organisation except where it is fully justified and in the patient's own interest. We will of course handle such data in a secure manner and will shortly publish on our website our procedures for providing this reporting to ensure it is completely transparent.

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