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Public Health
England

Public Health England: GUIDANCE: COVID-19: guidance for commissioners and providers of services for people who use drugs or alcohol (Updated 16th Sept)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-commissioners-and-providers-of-services-for-people-who-use-drugs-or-alcohol>

This guidance outlines COVID-19 advice for commissioners and service providers involved in assisting people who are dependent on drugs or alcohol or both.

Please note: this guidance is of a general nature and should be treated as a guide, and in the event of any conflict between any applicable legislation (including the health and safety legislation) and this guidance, the applicable legislation shall prevail

BMJ
Evidence-Based
Medicine

BMJ Evidence-Based Medicine: Biomarkers and outcomes of COVID-19 hospitalisations: systematic review and meta-analysis

<https://ebm.bmj.com/content/early/2020/09/14/bmjebm-2020-111536?rss=1>

Conclusion:

Our study found a significant association between lymphopenia, thrombocytopenia and elevated levels of C reactive protein (CRP), procalcitonin (PCT), lactate dehydrogenase (LDH), D-dimer and COVID-19 severity. The results have the potential to be used as an early biomarker to improve the management of COVID-19 patients, by identification of high-risk patients and appropriate allocation of healthcare resources in the pandemic



NHS Employers

NHS Employers: COVID-19 work health assessment guidance updated

<https://www.nhsemployers.org/covid19/assurance/preemployment-checks/work-health-assessments>

NHS Employers has updated its COVID-19 work health assessment guidance. The new guidance highlights the importance of working with occupational health departments to provide support and guidance to staff, whether they are new to the service, are being redeployed or are returning the workforce under the retire/return scheme managed by NHS England and Improvement



Public Health
England

Public Health England: Guidance - PHE data series on deaths in people with COVID-19: technical summary (updated 16th Sept)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/phe-data-series-on-deaths-in-people-with-covid-19-technical-summary>

Summary of the PHE data series on deaths in people with COVID-19, outlining what the changes mean and how the data compare to other COVID-19 death data series



Department
of Health &
Social Care

Department of Health & Social Care: Guidance - PPE portal: how to order emergency personal protective equipment (updated 14th Sept)

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ppe-portal-how-to-order-emergency-personal-protective-equipment>

Healthcare providers can order additional personal protective equipment (PPE) through the portal to top up their existing supplies for COVID-19 in an emergency



NHS Providers: Parliamentary briefing: Government plans for changes to the NHS Long Term plan in the light of the COVID-19 pandemic

<https://nhsproviders.org/resource-library/briefings/parliamentary-briefing-government-plans-for-changes-to-the-nhs-long-term-plan-in-the-light-of-the-covid-19-pandemic>

This briefing discusses the developments since the publication of the Long Term Plan and calls for a realistic and funded timeframe to deliver key priorities for the duration of the parliament.



Care Quality Commission: COVID-19 INSIGHT: Issue 4

<https://www.cqc.org.uk/publications/major-report/covid-19-insight-issue-4>

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) have published their fourth insight report in which they hope to help everyone involved in health and social care to work together to learn from the pandemic.

This report focuses on infection prevention and control (IPC) in different health and care settings, and the ways services across 11 different local areas have collaborated in response to coronavirus (COVID-19)



Stroke Association: Stroke recoveries at risk: how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected stroke survivors' lives and recoveries

<https://www.stroke.org.uk/stroke-recoveries-at-risk-report>

Delayed calls to 999 due to concerns around Covid-19, unavailable treatments and cancelled rehabilitation therapies caused by the pandemic has left tens of thousands of stroke survivors with avoidable, unnecessary disability, exacerbated mental health problems and has taken a devastating toll on stroke survivors and their families, according to a report from the Stroke Association which is based on the experiences of nearly 2,000 people affected by stroke.

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