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National Institute for Health Research: COVID-19 & clinical management of mental health issues

<https://oxfordhealthbrc.nihr.ac.uk/our-work/oxppl/covid-19-and-mental-health-guidance/>

A team of researchers have summarised the best available guidance around the key COVID-19 questions that frontline mental health professionals are facing every day. This webpage is a guidance for busy clinicians, organised around specific clinical questions and derived from existing guidelines in the English language. The guidance covers topics including:

- Benzodiazepines and Z-drugs (zopiclone and zolpidem)
- Clozapine treatment
- Digital technologies and telepsychiatry
- End of life care
- Inpatient wards
- Lithium treatment
- Long-acting injectable (LAI) antipsychotics



Public Health
England

Public Health England: COVID-19: management of staff and exposed patients and residents in health and social care settings (Updated)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-management-of-exposed-healthcare-workers-and-patients-in-hospital-settings>

Guidance on the management of staff, patients and residents who have been exposed to COVID-19. Updated 18th August



NHS Employers: COVID-19 pay protection FAQs (Updated)

<https://www.nhsemployers.org/news/2020/08/covid-19-pay-protection-faqs>

A joint working group of the NHS Staff Council Executive has published two FAQs on pay protection relating to COVID-19.

The questions cover:

- Pay for those who are temporarily redeployed for short periods to help service and patient needs.
- Earnings for staff who are temporarily redeployed following a risk assessment.



Department
of Health &
Social Care

Department of Health and Social Care: Guidance - PPE portal: how to order emergency personal protective equipment (Updated)

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

Added dentists, orthodontists and optometrists to the categories of provider that are invited to order from the portal. Updated 17th August



The
Commonwealth
Fund

The Commonwealth Fund: The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Outpatient Visits: Changing Patterns of Care in the Newest COVID-19 Hot Spots

<https://www.commonwealthfund.org/publications/2020/aug/impact-covid-19-pandemic-outpatient-visits-changing-patterns-care-newest>

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought dramatic changes to the delivery of outpatient care. To decrease the risk of transmitting the novel coronavirus to patients or health care workers, health care practices have deferred elective visits, modified their practices to safely accommodate in-person visits, and increased their use of telemedicine.

In late April, the Commonwealth Fund published findings demonstrating that, early in the pandemic, the number of visits to ambulatory care practices had declined by nearly 60 percent. An update was issued in mid-May showing a substantial rebound in office visits and an update in late June showing the beginning of a plateau in this rebound. In this, the fourth report, they describe visit trends through August 1



Office for
National Statistics

Office for National Statistics: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Infection Survey: characteristics of people testing positive for COVID-19 in England, August 2020

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/releases/coronaviruscovid19infectionsurveycharacteristicsofpeopletestingpositiveforcovid19>

This release provides data about the characteristics of people testing positive for COVID-19 from the COVID-19 Infection Survey. This survey is being delivered in partnership with the University of Oxford, the University of Manchester, Public Health England and Wellcome Trust

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on Health Systems and Policies

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European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies: COVID-19 Health System Response Monitor

<https://www.covid19healthsystem.org/mainpage.aspx>

The Health System Response Monitor (HSRM) has been designed in response to the COVID-19 outbreak to collect and organize up-to-date information on how countries are responding to the crisis. It focuses primarily on the responses of health systems but also captures wider public health initiatives.

A recording of a webinar, which introduces the tool and explains how to use this open-access online platform, is also available - <https://youtu.be/p7bEKvyqmH4>

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