

****Sent to all North Yorkshire & Humber Community Pharmacies including Regional Contacts – sent 12/11/2020****

Dear colleagues,

Please find attached a Pharmacy Planning Process regarding COVID-19 outbreaks within the Community Pharmacy Setting.

May I take this opportunity to remind colleagues that, if a member of the pharmacy team tests positive and there is a risk to the provision of pharmaceutical services, then advice regarding the individual circumstances must be sought from the [local Health Protection Team](#) (specific individual circumstances will be considered and advice may therefore appear to differ). Contact details for your local Health Protection Team are included in the attached slides. Contractors are also reminded to ensure they contact their regional NHSE&I team regarding the possible disruption or any changes to service provision that are being made as a result of this. You can notify us by email at england.pharmacyreturns@nhs.net

NHSE&I has also clarified that, if a member of staff receives a negative test, they do not need to self-isolate as long as:

- everyone they live with who has symptoms tests negative;
- everyone in their support bubble who has symptoms tests negative;
- they were not told to self-isolate for 14 days by NHS Test and Trace or the NHS COVID-19 App; and
- they feel well.

The recently updated [COVID-19 SOP for community pharmacy](#) has further information on the subject and we would advise that you refer to this regularly.

Kind regards,

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