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To:

NHS England and NHS Improvement
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31 March 2022

Your NHS number: [NHS NUMBER]

Dear [type name here]

Important information about treatments for coronavirus

Your medical records currently show you **might** be suitable for treatments if you get coronavirus.

You may have received a version of this letter before. It has been updated because the Government has changed the way you test for coronavirus. From 1 April you should check coronavirus symptoms using lateral flow tests, not a PCR test.

This letter explains that:

1. You should keep lateral flow tests at home
2. You should take a test if you have coronavirus symptoms. **Important:** You must report your test result.
3. If you test positive, the NHS will contact you about treatments.

For more information visit: www.nhs.uk/CoronavirusTreatments

Why are we sending you this letter?

Health experts have looked at the health conditions which put people at more risk from coronavirus. Those health conditions have been agreed by UK chief medical officers.

We are contacting you because your medical records currently show that you have one or more of these health conditions. This means that treatments **might** be suitable for you if a test confirms you have coronavirus.

These treatments can stop you from getting seriously ill and need to be given quickly after you start to have symptoms.

1. **You should keep lateral flow tests at home**

The UK Health Security Agency will send you one pack of lateral flow tests by 12 April. Only use them if you develop symptoms. If you run out, you can order more from https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests or by calling 119.

You can use any lateral flow tests supplied by the Government. Tests bought from a shop cannot currently be registered via GOV.UK or 119 and you will not be contacted about treatment if you test positive using these tests.

If you were previously sent a PCR test you can keep it. You might be asked to take a PCR if you receive treatment from the NHS.

2. **You should take a test if you have coronavirus symptoms**

If you have coronavirus symptoms you should take a lateral flow test immediately, even if your symptoms are mild.

You **must** report your result at https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result or by calling 119. It's important to provide your NHS number and postcode correctly (provided at the top of this letter) so you can be contacted.

If your test is negative but you still have symptoms, you should take another test on each of the next two days (three tests in total over three days).

3. **If you test positive, the NHS will contact you about treatments**

If any of your lateral flow tests are positive and you have reported the result, the NHS should contact you about treatment. If you are not contacted within 24 hours of your positive test, call your GP surgery, 111, or your specialist clinician (if you have one), who can make an urgent referral.

Yours sincerely



Professor Stephen Powis
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www.digital.nhs.uk/coronavirus/treatments/transparency-notice