**Covid-19 Daily Update for partners across Surrey Heartlands - 1st May**

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| *Friday 1st May, 2020* |
| **Resetting NHS services** |
| Earlier this week Simon Stevens and Amanda Pritchard at NHS England/Improvement wrote to all NHS Chief Executives and system leaders week indicating a phase of cautious restoration.  The CCG has now written to GPs setting out how we are planning to safely restart services with more details about specific local arrangements to follow very shortly.  Acute providers are working hard to ensure plans to increase capacity can be done as safely and quickly as possible recognising that some areas and specialties will take longer to restore services than others.  And as has been described before, we hope that some if not many of our traditional outpatient referrals can be managed differently through some of the new ways of working we have put in place during the pandemic.   |
| **PPE update** |
| Since setting up the PPE cell through the Local Resilience Forum, 3.2 million pieces of equipment have been distributed across Surrey, with the number of organisations and providers being supported growing from 200 to 920. National supplies are still unpredictable making planning and prioritisation challenging, but the cell is working hard to ensure organisations don’t run out of essential supplies. In Surrey we are in a good position to meet orders through our own procurement arrangements which include sourcing internationally as well as locally. The biggest challenge is procuring Type 2R masks which are in short supply nationally. Demand locally for these is high – we are currently issuing 125,000 masks a week.  All organisations are asked to continue to order supplies using normal routes, only using the Local Resilience Forum when you can’t access the supplies you need, and ensuring weekly PPE needs are forecast as accurately and ethically as possible - with stock so limited everyone needs to make sure they aren’t over-ordering ‘just in case’ which means other providers may go without.  The PPE sub-cell continues to engage with the offers of help to make PPE and the current focus is on making scrubs for hospitals. This [‘Handmade for Heroes’](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/people-and-community/emergency-planning-and-community-safety/coronavirus/please-help-us-to-provide-more-ppe/handmade-heroes) campaign generated over 1, 200 offers of help, made up of makers and additional donations of equipment from local businesses.  |
| **Gypsy and traveller communities** |
| Lord Greenhalgh, Communities Minister, has written to local authority chief executives to highlight that some members of Gypsy and Traveller communities are likely to be particularly vulnerable to COVID-19, and may need support in accessing basic facilities such as water, sanitation and waste disposal, to enable them to adhere to public health guidelines around self-isolation and social distancing during the outbreak.  You can read the letter [*here*](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-mitigating-impacts-on-gypsy-and-traveller-communities)*.* |
| **Community testing** |
| People in Surrey who are eligible for a coronavirus test can find answers to their essential questions by going online at [www.surreycc.gov.uk/coronavirustesting](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/coronavirustesting).  A revised, bespoke page clearly sets out who is now eligible for a test, how to book, information about the different types of tests available, and useful videos explaining how testing is carried out.  This includes information for keyworkers and also links to the Government’s new groups eligible for testing, more information [*here*](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested#who-can-be-tested)*.*  |
| **Death in service benefits scheme** |
| The Department of Health and Social Care have issued a [press notice](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-guarantee-on-death-in-service-benefits-for-frontline-health-and-care-staff-during-pandemic) which relates to the benefits for frontline health and care staff during the pandemic. Key points are:·         New life assurance scheme launched for eligible frontline health and care workers during the coronavirus pandemic·         Families of eligible workers who die from coronavirus in the course of their frontline essential work will receive a £60,000 payment·         Scheme will cover frontline NHS staff and social care workers in England·         Funding will also be provided to devolved administrations to support similar schemes in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland |
| **Latest guidance** |
|  All the latest clinical guidance can be found here: [www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/](http://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/) Latest PHE guidance can be found [here](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-guidance).To simplify sourcing information relevant to the social care sector, a new collection page has been created on [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-social-care-guidance) bringing all the guidance relevant to them together into one place.  Other guidance on what you need to do during the Covid-19 outbreak can be found here:  <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>  The Cabinet Office has brought together [guidance](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-those-involved-in-managing-covid-19-deaths/guidance-for-those-involved-in-managing-covid-19-deaths) on GOV.UK to support employers and workers handling loss of life.    |
| **UK figures at a glance**As at 9am on Thursday 30 April, across the UK: ·         687,369 people have been tested ·         171,253 were confirmed positive Across Surrey, Public Heath England’s latest figures estimate there are 2,530 positive cases.  | **Campaign material**Domestic abuse resources are now available on the [Campaign Resource Centre.](https://coronavirusresources.phe.gov.uk/domestic-abuse/)  The Home Office has worked with key partners and charities to launch a new national campaign to raise awareness that support is still available for victims of domestic abuse, despite the covid- 19 stay at home guidance.  **Please direct any questions to** **domesticabusecampaign@homeoffice.gov.uk****.**  |
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