**Key Messages – Day 7 25/03/2020**

Dear Colleagues,

I’ve got several specific messages for you today, rather than some generic, broad concepts so I hope that you find these helpful.

1.      **Specials** - as indicated in yesterday emails, the requirement for the authorisation has been suspended. However, in the accompanying price guide, we suggested that you use the licensed melatonin 1mg/ml solution that is now available. Please note that this product contains propylene glycol and is not being used by our paediatric service. Our Paed team are requesting that you order the unlicensed propylene glycol if you can. We accept that there may be difficulties sourcing this but please do what you can!

2.      **PPE** – stock will be delivered by national procurement direct to community pharmacies. At present, I don’t have a timescale.  This is being provided to be used in line with the latest guidance from Health Protection Scotland for environmental cleaning following a suspected case being held in a room prior to transfer (in section 6 of the Guidance for primary care which can be found at <https://www.hps.scot.nhs.uk/a-to-z-of-topics/covid-19/>. During such environmental cleaning it is recommended that the person undertaking the clean should wear PPE consisting of disposable plastic aprons and gloves. Distribution details are being finalised and community pharmacies should start receiving their stock thereafter.

3.      **COPD Service** - GP practices are being asked by Respiratory MCN to assess their COPD patients and provide a prescription for rescue remedies. Ongoing supplies may be provided by the community pharmacy using the Unscheduled Care PGD. Please refer to the more detailed email for further information.

4.      **Extension to MAS** – for patients accessing the service and who were previously ineligible should be recorded on the system under **Exemption F war pension certificate.**This will allow the registration process to continue and a supply/advice/ referral to be made.

5.      **Covid19 Assessment Centres** – please note that the assessment centre in North West is located in the old Woodside Health Centre, Barr St G20 7LR.

Stay safe and well to all our superheroes without capes!

Regards

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