Deployment of COVID-19 treatments for highest risk NON- hospitalised patients

How will patients receive treatment? Most of the highest risk patients will receive a letter or email from NHS telling them in advance they **may be eligible for these treatments in the event they test PCR positive for COVID-19**.

Please note:

• GPs will not need to prescribe or dispense nMABs or antivirals.

• However, GP practice might need to refer highest risk patients to the local COVID-19 Medicine Delivery Unit (CMDU) who can assess eligibility and arrange treatment.

There are two routes by which eligible patients may access treatment:

1. **NHS outreach:**

In the event of a positive PCR test, a local CMDU will contact the majority of patients directly to discuss the treatment and confirm eligibility. The CMDU will arrange treatment.

2. **Patient in-reach:**

A small proportion of PCR results cannot be matched to a patient's health record. We are encouraging patients not contacted directly by the NHS within 24 hours of a positive PCR test result to phone their GP practice (in hours) or 111 (out of hours) for an urgent referral to a CMDU.

GP practices will not need to prescribe treatment; only refer.

Where will patients receive nMABs or antivirals treatment?

nMABs are administered intravenously so a patient will need to safely travel to a CMDU site.

If the CMDU decides that an antiviral is the most appropriate treatment option, these will be dropped off to a patient's home, either via a friend or family member of the patient, or via a delivery service.