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Dear Colleagues

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ENDORSEMENT PROCESS FOR NICE COVID-19 RAPID GUIDELINES

On 31 March 2020, the Department published circular HSC (SQSD) (NICE Covid-19 Procedures) 12/20 (see <https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/health/HSC-SQSD-12-20.pdf>), colleagues should note that this Circular remains extant.

The purpose of the above Circular (HSC 12/20) was to advise the HSC that NICE COVID-19 Rapid Guidelines are automatically endorsed for use in Northern Ireland from the date of their publication by NICE, this remains the extant position.

It remains the responsibility of the Health and Social Care Board, Public Health Agency, the HSC Trusts and other HSC organisations to monitor the NICE website (<https://www.nice.org.uk/>) and to keep up-to-date with regard to newly published NICE COVID-19 Rapid guidelines and updates.

HSC organisations must ensure that they have internal assurance mechanisms in place to cascade the guidance to the appropriate staff and to ensure that guidance, where applicable, is implemented appropriately.

The current list of published NICE COVID-19 Rapid Guidelines is attached at Annex A of this letter.

Going forward the Department will issue a quarterly communication to the HSC summarising the NICE COVID-19 Rapid Guidelines published within the preceding quarter.

Any queries regarding this letter can be directed to the Quality Regulation, Policy Legislation branch at SGU-NICEGuidance@health-ni.gov.uk or directly to Steven.White@health-ni.gov.uk.

Thank you for your work in implementing this guidance.

Yours sincerely



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Published List as of 6/5/2021 - NICE COVID-19 Rapid guidelines

	NICE Ref	Published	Last updated
COVID-19 rapid guideline: managing COVID-19	NG191	23 March 2021	08 April 2021
COVID-19 rapid guideline: managing the long-term effects of COVID-19	NG188	18 December 2020	18 December 2020
COVID-19 rapid guideline: vitamin D	NG187	17 December 2020	17 December 2020
COVID-19 rapid guideline: arranging planned care in hospitals and diagnostic services	NG179	27 July 2020	27 July 2020
COVID 19 rapid guideline: renal transplantation	NG178	19 June 2020	19 August 2020
COVID-19 rapid guideline: chronic kidney disease	NG176	15 May 2020	15 May 2020
COVID-19 rapid guideline: interstitial lung disease	NG177	15 May 2020	15 May 2020
COVID-19 rapid guideline: children and young people who are immunocompromised	NG174	01 May 2020	14 August 2020
COVID-19 rapid guideline: gastrointestinal and liver conditions treated with drugs affecting the immune response	NG172	23 April 2020	09 April 2021
COVID-19 rapid guideline: community-based care of patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)	NG168	09 April 2020	09 April 2020
COVID-19 rapid guideline: dermatological conditions treated with drugs affecting the immune response	NG169	09 April 2020	09 April 2021

COVID-19 rapid guideline: cystic fibrosis	NG170	09 April 2020	07 October 2020
COVID-19 rapid guideline: severe asthma	NG166	03 April 2020	03 April 2020
COVID-19 rapid guideline: rheumatological autoimmune, inflammatory and metabolic bone disorders	NG167	03 April 2020	31 March 2021
COVID-19 rapid guideline: haematopoietic stem cell transplantation	NG164	01 April 2020	10 February 2021
COVID-19 rapid guideline: delivery of radiotherapy	NG162	28 March 2020	12 February 2021
COVID-19 rapid guideline: dialysis service delivery	NG160	20 March 2020	11 September 2020
COVID-19 rapid guideline: delivery of systemic anticancer treatments	NG161	20 March 2020	12 February 202

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