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Dear Colleagues,

NICE NG163: managing symptoms (including at the end of life) in the community

Shropshire CCG is recommending the adoption of **'NICE Guideline NG163 on managing symptoms for patients with Covid-19 (including at the end of life) in the community'** and we would encourage all GP practices to follow this guidance.

The full guidance can be found at <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng163> and the oral medication, recommended within this guidance for symptom management, is given in the list below:

- Codeine Tablets 15mg and 30mg
- Codeine Linctus 15mg/5ml
- Haloperidol Tablets 0.5mg
- Lorazepam Tablets 1mg
- Morphine Oral Solution 10mg/5ml

Many of the drugs in the above list are standard stock in most community pharmacies but the following pharmacies have been asked to ensure that they hold stock of all of the above items:

- Bishop's Castle Pharmacy, Church Street, Bishop's Castle, SY9 5AE
- Cambrian Pharmacy, Cambrian Medical Centre, Thomas Savin Road Oswestry, SY11 2GA
- Conway Pharmacy, 238 Monkmoor Road, Shrewsbury, SY2 5SR
- Murray's Healthcare, Northgate Health Centre, Bridgnorth, WV16 4EN
- Murray's Healthcare, 49 Bull Ring, Ludlow, SY8 1AB
- Murray's Healthcare, Medical Centre, Market Drayton, TF9 3AL
- Rhodes Pharmacy, 28 Claremont Hill, Shrewsbury, SY1 1RD

Please note: some of the drugs contained within the Just in Case (JIC) packs are not appropriate for the treatment of symptoms in patients with Covid-19 and therefore JIC packs should not be prescribed for this group of patients.

We look forward to your continuing support in this difficult and challenging time

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M. Rowland-Jones".

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