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Att: All Herefordshire & Worcestershire practices

**Dear Colleagues** 

## Re: Reimbursable Costs associated with COVID-19

We have received a number of enquiries with regards to reclaimable costs to support COVID-19, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience to date.

Please find below the current list of additional costs which the CCG will meet. We will review this list daily and update via Teamnet.

Costs	Criteria	Reimbursement Process
Workforce and Staffing Costs	Costs to support any <b>additional</b> hours worked outside of those normally contracted, for both clinical and non-clinical staffing.  Staff absence costs not already covered by the SFE, such as those self-isolating or need to be away from the Practice for other COVID related issues, who are not able to work remotely.	A claim form will be issued
Cleaning and Decontamination Costs	It is acknowledged that some cleaning support is required at the red/amber sites due to the increased frequency of cleaning processes.  The CCG infection control team will offer advice on this.	This will be agreed in due course.

If you have any queries around whether a particular cost is reimbursable, can you please email <a href="mailto:hw.primarycare@nhs.net">hw.primarycare@nhs.net</a>

Finally, the NHS Confederation publication also makes reference to the funding attached to the Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme, and how this can be used to support the current workforce challenges. <a href="https://www.nhsconfed.org/-/media/Confederation/Files/Publications/Documents/How-CCGs-can-support-PCN">https://www.nhsconfed.org/-/media/Confederation/Files/Publications/Documents/How-CCGs-can-support-PCN</a> COVID 19.pdf

We will work with PCNs to explore this further.

Yours sincerely

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