

**To all Sussex Practices**

29<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Colleagues,

**Re: Diabetes LCSs and a Sussex Standard Operating Plan (SOP)**

In the COVID 19 Primary Care Update (27<sup>th</sup> July) the Sussex HCP provided an update on the recovery and restoration of diabetes services in Primary Care during COVID 19.

Given the identification of diabetes as a disease which increases patient vulnerability to COVID 19, this cohort of patients have become a priority group requiring regular and appropriate health services. Whilst all areas across Sussex have their own Diabetes LCS the first wave of COVID 19 saw a relaxation of many LCSs as practices focussed purely on managing the effects of a major pandemic.

The Restoration and Recovery Group recognised that in order to increase the prevention chances of diabetic patients in the fight against COVID 19, the reinstatement of Diabetes services across Sussex was a priority. In order to facilitate practices to reinstate these services a simple but comprehensive guide has been produced in conjunction with Sussex clinicians and Sussex CCGs and the LMC is pleased to support and encourage the launch of the Diabetes [Standard Operating Procedure \(SOP\)](#).

The SOP provides a step-by-step approach to providing safe diabetes care in general practice along with a risk stratification approach to prioritising patients. Please take time to read the document and look at how your practice, by reinstating these services, can help to manage the fight against COVID 19 in such a vulnerable group of patients,

With best wishes



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