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Surrey Heartlands Locally Commissioned Services 2024

SHLCS-A04- 2024-Influenza Outbreak	Influenza Outbreak
KEY ELEMENTS	 Established to respond to the needs of older people, pregnant women and those with underlying diseases that are at particular risk of severe illness if they contract influenza. NICE TAG recommends the use of oseltamivir and zanamivir ("antivirals") in such situations. 'Appropriate clinicians' (see special note) must be readily available to respond. Community settings are defined as: care homes, residential schools for disabled children/young people, asylum seeker accommodation. Patient cohort covers 'at risk patients/residents' of the above settings At Risk is specifically defined as: People aged 65 years or older; OR, Chronic respiratory disease Chronic heart / renal / liver / neurological disease/diabetes mellitus Immunosuppression Morbid obesity (BMI ≥40) Pregnant women The provider will be informed by the ICB the location of the outbreak, given the name of a contact and potential numbers. The clinician will need to assess both patients and staff (details in the Annex) for their suitability for receiving anti-viral treatment/prophylaxis. The provider must inform the patients GP and use the minimum data listed.
OF SPECIAL NOTE	 An appropriately qualified clinician (GP, or Advanced Nurse Practitioner or appropriately qualified Independent Prescriber) will contact the named contact. Make sure accessibility to antivirals is widely known or can be found quickly
RISKS	 Practices signed up to this LCS must be able to respond quickly to the alert. received. Depending on the antiviral this could be 36-48hrs. See the specification. Attaining patient consent on the PSD before administration is key.
PRACTICE CONSIDERATIONS	Read the additional clinical guidance on the use of anti-viral available within the specification.
PRICING:	Management of Localised Community Outbreaks of Influenza in hours (both in and out of season) Per procedure - £34.13