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GUIDANCE FOR THE COMPLETION OF MED3 FORMS

In most cases, patients do not need MED3 forms from their GPs, they can self-certify for seven days and only if ill should they require any form of certification. We have developed a form (*credit to Londonwide LMCs for the content*) that patients can use for their employers, as it is between them and their employers if they are in any form of isolation.

GPs are not responsible for employee relations regarding to statutory sick pay and certification where the employee is not ill. We hope that more definitive advice from the government will follow to cover this area.

Below is a breakdown of potential requests for fit notes, advise and outcome:

Issue	Advice	Outcome
1. Symptomatic so isolating for seven days	Patients can and should self-certify for the first seven days as normal if they are unfit to work.	They do not need to contact their GP.
2. Symptomatic and remaining unwell for over seven days	If they remain unwell and unfit to work after seven days, the current advice is to visit www.111.nhs.uk where there is an online self-assessment tool.	They do not need to contact their GP but you can advise patients to use the template form below.
3. Household contact symptoms so isolating for fourteen days as per government advice	Employers are responsible for putting in place arrangements for home/remote working where this is possible. Where it is not, the employee may self-certify and return to work following the relevant absence which their employer may authorise as per government advice.	They do not need to contact their GP
4. At risk group so following government advice	Where they do become unwell during or after this time, point 1 and 2 applies.	They do not need to contact their GP.

Until further guidance is available, Nottinghamshire LMC would suggest that practices upload the attached letter to their website requesting that if needed by patients they use this letter as the practice **will not** provide a medical certificate for patients requiring self-isolation for coronavirus.