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GP Contract changes – Coronavirus provisions extended

At the end of September NHS England wrote to practices and commissioners reminding them of the 2020-21 GP Contract changes and announcing the extension of some temporary measures introduced as part of the Coronavirus response, specifically:

- A suspension of the requirement that practices report to commissioners about the Friends and Family Test returns.
- A temporary suspension of the requirement for individual patient consent in certain circumstances, in order to encourage increased use of electronic repeat dispensing.
- A continuation of the temporary increase in the number of appointment slots that practices must make available for direct booking by NHS 111 to 1 slot per 500 patients per day. The letter makes provisions for practices to reduce the number of NHS 111 slots if there is low demand.

You can read the full NHS England letter [here](#).