

KEY LEARNING POINTS FROM RECENT OUTBREAKS OF COVID19 IN GENERAL PRACTICE.

- Social distancing between staff is still not being observed during breaks in some practices and windows are not being left open for ventilation in some staff rooms.
- Some staff are still not wearing face masks in non-clinical areas.
- Some staff are still car-sharing.
- Some staff are still working across different practice sites which impacts all sites in the event of a positive test.
- There is still a lack of robust cleaning of desk spaces, including computers, headsets and telephones in some practices, and head-sets are still being shared.
- Robust cleaning is still not being undertaken in some staff rooms, including cleaning of frequently-touched surfaces such as kettles, fridges, cupboard handles, etc.
- Buffets have been held where staff have shared plates and utensils and not adhered to social distancing.
- Some areas have not been decluttered to support ease of cleaning.
- Staff at some practices have continued to attend work with mild COVID19 symptoms if they are not feeling unwell. Temperature checks, self-declaration and lateral flow testing will help this reduce this risk.
- Some staff are still eating at their work stations.
- Business continuity plans (BCPs) are not being updated by some practices to cover pandemic-related issues that may arise. BCPs should be reviewed regularly.