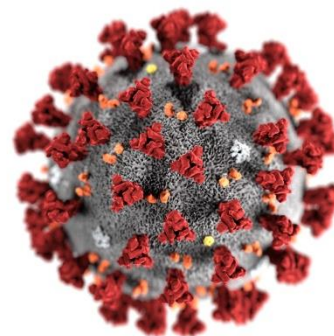


# COVID-19 Medicines In Care Homes

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## COVID-19 Palliative and end-of-life management in Care Homes

NHS England and NHS Improvement is working across several teams on the complex and important issues around medicines in palliative care, including legislation, clinical, supply chain and specific advice for care homes. We are developing guidance on end-of-life care medicines as part of the national work on medicines supply.

**To preserve the national supply chain, please do not stockpile any medicines in any setting, including prescribing 'just in case' packs for care homes.**

## Covid-19: Homely Remedies in Care Homes

Guidance is now available building on the existing ELMMB homely remedy policy to support the management of patients during Covid-19. It outlines the use of Paracetamol, Simple linctus, Codeine linctus and Senna as first line treatment options for individuals with Covid-19 symptoms. The guidance is available in the Covid-19 section of MMB website

<http://www.elmmb.nhs.uk/elmmb-information/covid-19-information-and-resources/>

**In order to facilitate this Care Homes are requested to purchase the following items if they are not already held as homely remedy stock:**

- Paracetamol 500mg 2 x 32 tablets/caplets
- Paracetamol 500mg 1 x 16 soluble tablets
- Simple linctus 2 x 200ml
- Codeine linctus 15mg/5ml 1 x 200ml
- Senna 7.5mg x 20 tablets

Care homes should contact their regular community pharmacy who dispenses their monthly medication to purchase the above stock.

Care Homes must ensure that homely remedy stocks are stored in a locked medicines cupboard or trolley, separate from prescribed medicines and they should only be used in line with an agreed homely remedy policy.

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