

# Preparing for release from prison

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# Introduction

- The response to the pandemic in prisons focused on several key areas 'equivalent' to community measures put in place
- Within the prison setting, the response requires particularly careful collaboration

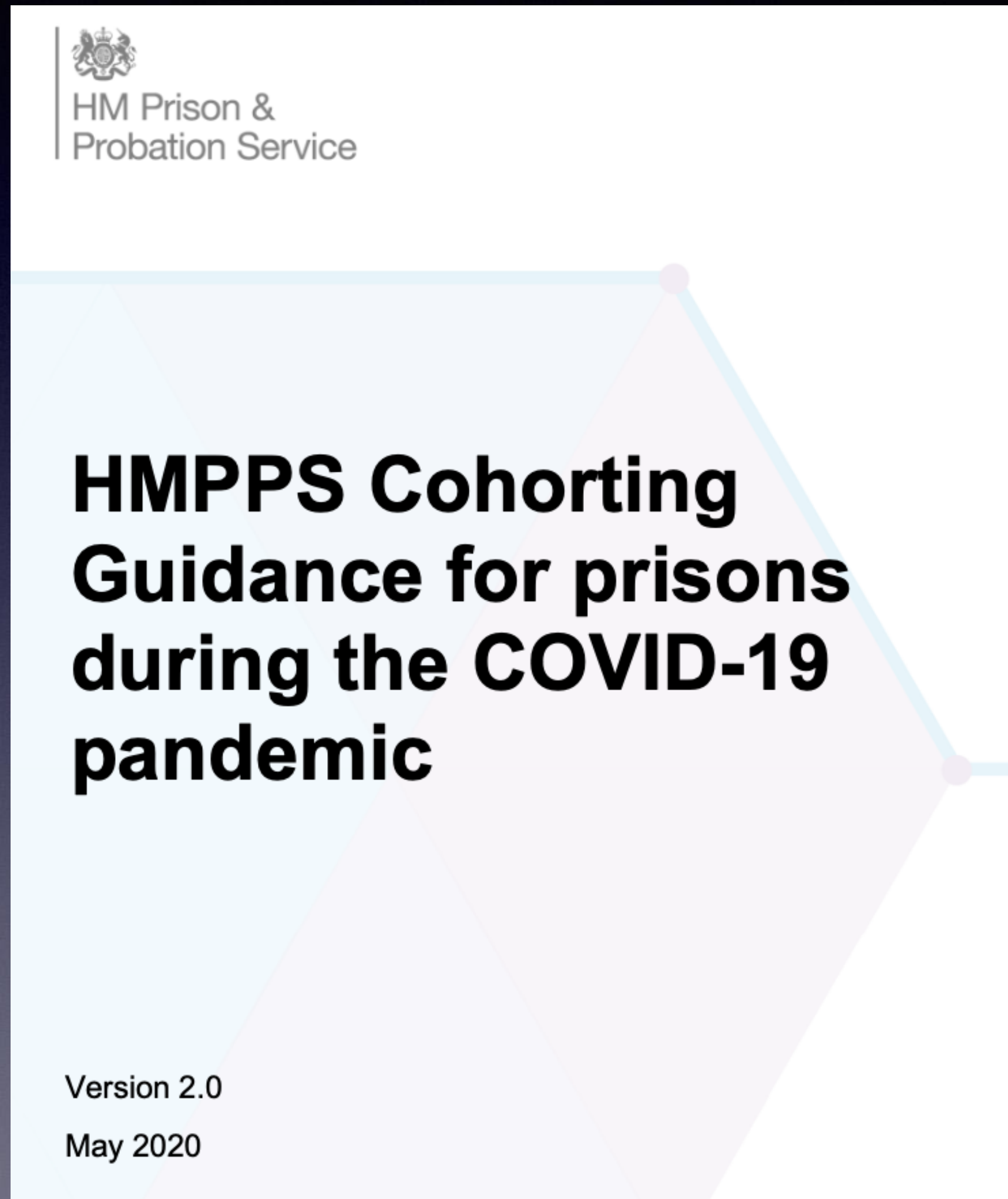


# Information

- Key messaging to prisoners to convey why the measures are in place both in prison and following their release into the community
- Collaborative effort between prison and healthcare staff to organise release of people with suspected/confirmed COVID-19



# HMPPS Cohorting Guidance



- **Reverse Cohorting Unit**
- **Protective Isolation Unit**
- **Shielding Unit**



# Healthcare

- Adoption of new way of working to ensure acute needs were being met
- Processes put in place to detect and isolate potential cases of COVID-19
- Action taken to 'Shield' vulnerable and High Risk groups



# Medicines Management

[Publications approval reference: tbn](#)



## Advice for health and justice healthcare teams on medicines and pharmacy services continuity

27 March 2020

### Introduction

This guidance describes the changes that may be needed to provide continuity of medicines during an outbreak. Providers should already have plans for pandemic and seasonal flu outbreaks or major incidents that can be used and adapted for COVID-19 outbreaks.

The supply of medicines is a clinical priority to minimise the risks of harm from omitted and delayed medicines. Health and justice (HJ) patients have additional risks if continuity of medicines is interrupted.





# Medicines Management

- In-possession and Not in-possession medications
- Risk assessments
- Supervised consumption
- Night medications
- Vaccinations



# Recovery and Restoration

[Publications approval reference: 001559](#)



Guidance for healthcare teams on the release of adult patients from the secure and detained estate during coronavirus (COVID-19)

19 May 2020, Version 1





# Preparation for Release



**COVID-19 GUIDANCE FOR HEALTHCARE IN  
SECURE ENVIRONMENTS**  
Practical advice for clinicians





# Preparation for Release

- Notification of planned releases [End of Custody  
Temporary Release]
- ‘Shielded’ patients
- Release planning template [Discharge SEAT]
- GP registration



# Preparation for Release

SEAT Release Planning

Other Details | Exact date & time | Thu 28 May 2020 | 11:29

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## Release Planning

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**Remember to include any relevant information using the additional option (pencil icon)**

**Address on discharge:**  
Please record the patient's planned discharge address as a Correspondence address, using the option below:

Record New Address

At risk of homelessness

**GP Registration Status:**  
If the patient is currently registered with a GP, check that the correct details are showing in the box below.

If the patient is not registered with a GP, you can find details of surgeries near the patient's home address that are currently accepting new registrations by clicking on the 'Find New GP - NHS Choices' link.

**Patient GP Details**

Mr Jonathan Test-TestPatient

GP Unknown

Practice

Trust

Practice Telephone

**Release Planning and Discharge**

GP Registration Details  Registered GP (Xa|jE) (SNOMED: 25911000000104)  Patient not registered (9121.) (SNOMED: 184062003)  Registration status unknown (912D.) (SNOMED: 184...

GMS - provisional registration

Declined assistance with GP practice registration

[Find New GP - NHS Choices](#)

**Community Pharmacy:**  
Record contact details of community pharmacy, if unsure fully of details use the comment box labelled Pharmacy. If the patient knows the details of the Pharmacy, please use the relationship and add the name of the Pharmacy (you don't need the name of the Pharmacist, just record the address details)

Use the 'Find New Pharmacy - NHS Choices' hyperlink to find Pharmacy options, if the patient is unsure of which Pharmacy they will use.

Record Pharmacist

Pharmacy

[Find New Pharmacy - NHS Choices](#)

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[Advice and Outstanding Care](#)

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# Preparation for Release

- 28 days medication supply (14 days for CD)
- Community pharmacy response
- Use of FP10 and FP10MDA
- Substance misuse services



# Restoration and Recovery

- *What are the lessons learned?*
- *What alterations to our practice would we continue?*



# Resources

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/primary-care/health-and-justice/>

<https://elearning.rcgp.org.uk/mod/page/view.php?id=10539>



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