

Important message regarding sick notes

Stoke Road Surgery is being inundated with requests for sick notes for people who are unwell with suspected coronavirus, or self isolating because a household member may be affected. We are really struggling to cope with this demand and ask our patients to please

- Self certify for the first 7 days
- Within the next 7 days we hope that NHS 111 will have automated sick notes
- If your employer insists on you having a sick note from your GP for a covid-19 (coronavirus) related problem, please print off the message below

The government has released guidance that :

-People with symptoms of coronavirus infection (fever or cough) should stay at home for 7 days from when the symptoms started

-Other people in the household need to stay at home for 14 days from when the symptoms of the first person in the household started.

- By law, evidence is not required for the first 7 days of sickness, and the government urges employers to respect the need to stay at home following government advice to do so and to show flexibility in the evidence they require from employees.

-Statutory sick pay will be payable from day 1 of illness for those affected by coronavirus.

The GP surgeries (and the NHS as a whole) are struggling to cope with looking after the people who are unwell, and are simply unable to supply covid-19 related sick notes to people. Please do not require your workers to do so.