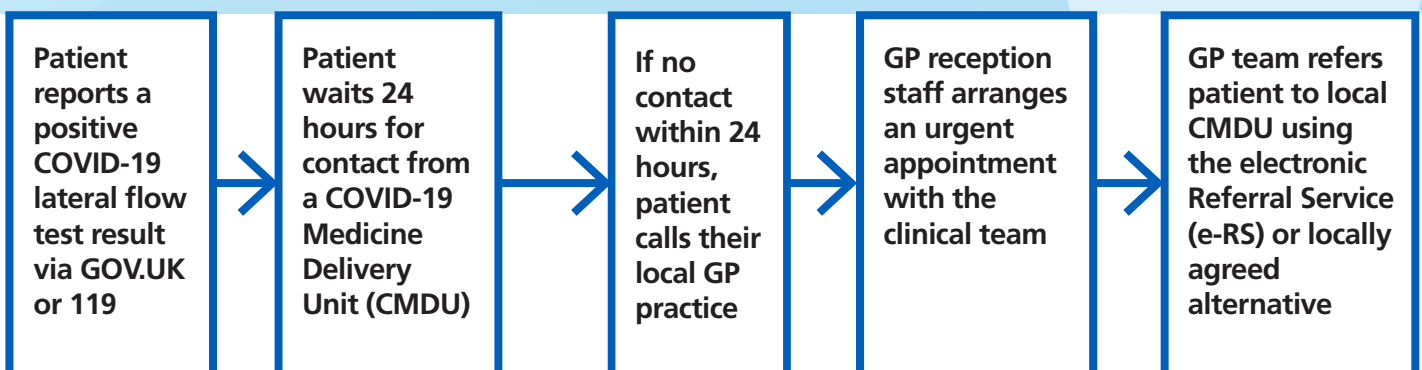


## Role of General Practice teams in supporting patient access to treatments for COVID-19

- Some people at highest risk of becoming seriously ill from COVID-19 **are eligible for antiviral treatments on the NHS.**
- These include some patients with **cancer, blood conditions, kidney disease, liver disease and autoimmune conditions,** among others.
- GP reception staff must arrange **an appointment with the clinical team** if a patient calls and says they are eligible for these treatments, have tested positive for COVID-19 and have not been contacted about treatment.

### The process is as follows:



**Please do not refer patients to 119 for assessment or treatment - referrals to a CMDU must be done by a GP team.** 119 teams provide patients with lateral flow tests and help them to record test results.

A letter was issued to GP practices explaining the pathway which is available on the NHS England website by searching 'Letter to GPs COVID treatments'.

**Information for patients is available at:**

**[www.nhs.uk/CoronavirusTreatments](http://www.nhs.uk/CoronavirusTreatments)**

This describes the current arrangements (as of January 2023) which may change in the future.