**Covid Medication Pathway - Notes:**

1. Third line Covid medication is not offered in Somerset, NICE only recommend first and second line covid medication and administration of 3rd line medication is problematic for the pathway as well as not evidence based.
2. If a patient requires acute ( ED, SDEC or direct)  admission due to symptoms or risk of deterioration, secondary care are responsible for prescribing and administering any required covid medication
3. If competent a Patients GP may wish to prescribe first line covid medication ( although they are not required to and can refer into the 111/CAS service, many may not feel clinically competent to make the assessment and the BMA and LMC has advised GPs to not support this service as a standard part of their contract)
4. If a patient is at home and in the community but still under the active care of a specialist, that specialist may choose to assess and prescribe oral covid medication or refer to the second line IV service themselves ( although they are not required to and can signpost the patient to the 111/CAS service if they so wish).
5. Children can only access covid medication via a paediatric consultant and if they require covid medication they should be referred to secondary care or if under a specialist contact their specialist). There is no viable option for a  community pathway for children.

This pathway is only for residents who are registered with a Somerset GP any patient registered with a Devon or North Somerset GP would need to access that systems covid medication service