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The following CQC MythBusters are the latest to be updated:

Nigel's Surgery 13: Verification and certification of death

This mythbuster was [updated](#) on 12 August 2020 to include changes following the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The Coronavirus Act 2020 put in place changes to registration and certification of deaths in the UK, and later changes have been made to regulations and procedures.

Before the pandemic, verification of death outside hospital was deemed to be carried out by a competent adult (usually a GP, nurse or paramedic), but during the pandemic, a more flexible approach was needed to reduce the spread of infection and improve the timeliness of verification. Therefore, in addition to medical practitioners, registered nurses or paramedics, verification of death can also be carried out by other non-medical professionals. They are usually independent of family members, who can verify death using remote clinical support.

Nigel's Surgery 9: Emergency medicines for GP practices

This mythbuster was [updated](#) on 8 September 2020 to reflect latest good practice, and changes due to COVID-19 have been made to [Mythbuster 1](#) Resuscitation in GP surgeries on 20 July 2020.

CQC would expect to see evidence that an appropriate risk assessment has been carried out to identify a list of medicines that are not suitable for a practice to stock and keep it under review. There should be a process and system in place to check that drugs are in date and equipment is well maintained.

There is an Emergency Drugs Risk Assessment in the QCS Risk Assessment section.

Nigel's Surgery 61: Patient registration

This mythbuster was [updated](#) on 8 September 2020 to reflect the [process for registering patients prior to their release from a secure residential estate](#), which is to simplify registering individuals when they transition back in to the community, and to improve patient information and avoid gaps in necessary treatment.

Practices are expected to facilitate these registrations, and these patients must not be treated differently to other patients registering with a Practice.

The QCS Patient Registration and Identity Check Policy and Procedure has been updated to reflect this.