

# Covid-19 Newsletter

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Welcome to the latest edition of the Covid-19 newsletter. We will be issuing this newsletter to general practice on a regular basis to give you the latest updates and guidance. This is in place of the Weekly Inbox, publication of which has been suspended.

**Previous issues** – with attachments and [other useful links and resources](#) can be found [here](#). Clicking this link will not just give you access to archived newsletters but enable to access all the past resources and separate attachments plus a wealth of other resources that may not be in the newsletters. So please give it a go!

<p><b>Diabetes</b></p>	<p>Please find attached the East of England Diabetes Clinical Network's <i>Guidance for General Practices for Diabetes Care during the COVID-19 Pandemic</i> written by Dr Chirag Bakhai, Network Primary Care Clinical Lead.</p> <p><a href="#">Delivering Diabetes Care during the COVID-19 Pandemic</a></p>
<p><b>Screening and Imms</b></p>	<p>Please find attached a briefing note written to update system partners on the status of the Section 7a screening and immunisation programmes commissioned by NHS England and NHS Improvement. This note has been written to describe changes made to services as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and to describe the current status of programmes as well as plans for the coming weeks and months.</p> <p><a href="#">Briefing note on EOE screening and immunisation programmes</a></p>
<p><b>ESNEFT visiting hours</b></p>	<p>From this Monday 15 June ESNEFT will start permitting one visitor per day for patients who have been in one of its hospitals for more than 48 hours. The visitor will be able to stay with the patient for 45 minutes and will have to pre-book by ringing the ward where the patient is being cared for. The trust is also introducing staggering visiting times between 10am and 9pm. Further details can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
<p><b>Free NHS Staff Car Parking – Local Authority Car Parks</b></p>	<p>On 25 March the Local Government Secretary announced that local councils will offer free on-street and off-street car parking in local authority car parks to all NHS staff members, health or social care workers, and NHS Volunteer Responders during the COVID-19 emergency response.</p> <p><a href="#">digitalparkingpassv3</a> <a href="#">printableparkingpassv3</a></p>
<p><b>Practice medicines co-ordinators course</b></p>	<p>Please see attached and below details of a free webinar and associated e-learning course appropriate for any practice staff involved in the processing of prescription requests. <b>PrescQIPP</b> refers to these staff as practice medicines coordinators, but they are commonly known as prescription or prescribing clerks. You can register for the course <a href="#">here</a>.</p>

	<p>Practice medicines co-ordinators <span style="float: right;">^</span></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div data-bbox="456 304 715 562" style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div data-bbox="759 297 1034 689" style="font-size: small;"> <p>This course is designed for non-clinical staff in GP practices who manage the repeat prescribing process and will help to improve medicines safety, improve satisfaction for patients and staff, reduce medicines waste, make savings by reducing or containing costs, become a point of contact for medicines related queries and work in collaboration with the medicines optimisation team.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1070 297 1334 678" style="font-size: small;"> <p>The course should take around 4 hours in total to complete, but please note that it is designed to be completed in stages and not finished in one sitting.</p> <p>We're grateful to Coventry and Rugby CCG, Nene CCG, Corby CCG and Southern Derbyshire CCG for sharing their materials to support the development of the course content.</p> </div> </div>
<p><b>Immunisation /vaccination webinars</b></p>	<p>The Training Hub still has places available on all 3 Webinars for Immunisation &amp; Flu training/updates. We are now expanding our offer to the practices. You can submit forms for more than two employees. Where spaces are available, they will be allocated evenly across the practices. Attached is a flyer with the details of the webinar, and an application form for staff to complete.</p> <p>Please share with appropriate staff and encourage them to apply. We cannot guarantee all staff will be accommodated, but will do our best.</p> <p><b><i>The deadline for receipt of applications is Friday, 19 June 2020</i></b></p> <p><a href="#">Immunisation and vaccination update webinars (download)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Imms webinar application form (Excel download)</a></p>
<p><b>Warfarin/DOA C transfer webinars</b></p>	<p><b>Bayer</b> are currently sponsoring a series of webinars where you can hear from local and national experts on the topic of '<i>Patients with NVAf or VTE: Practical considerations for transitioning eligible patients from warfarin to a DOAC</i>'. Two more webinars have recently been arranged. The first on 25 June features Mr Sotiris Antoniou, Head of Pharmacy at St Bartholomew's Hospital and the second on 30 June features Dr Yassir Javid, GPSI and Clinical Lead for Cardiology at the East Midlands Clinical Network. Both webinars start at 7.15pm and you can register for them <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
<p><b>CCG stakeholder update</b></p>	<p>Please click <a href="#">HERE</a> to see the latest video update from Dr Ed Garratt, Chief Executive of the NHS Ipswich &amp; East Suffolk, NHS West Suffolk and NHS North East Essex CCGs and Executive Lead for the Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care System.</p>

If have any questions or important information to share in the next edition, please contact [Caroline Procter](#).

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