

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>EEAST referrals</p>	<p>Please see attached a letter from the East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust (EEAST) regarding changes it has made to its referral pathways to social care teams and the creation of a new GP mental health referral pathway, which will assist you to identify which referrals require immediate attention.</p> <p>EEAST letter to CCGs</p>
<p>Shielding patients</p>	<p>Where patients have been identified as clinically extremely vulnerable, GPs should follow the instructions for adding patients to the Shielded Patient List on NHS Digital's website here. Please note, patients recently identified as clinically extremely vulnerable will no longer be able to newly register for Government support, due to shielding measures being relaxed from 1st August. For those already identified as clinically extremely vulnerable, the latest date for registering is 17 July.</p>
<p>ESNEFT frailty services</p>	<p>The ESNEFT Frailty Assessment Unit has now reopened to outpatient appointments. To allow for social distancing it now has the capacity to review two outpatients each day. Should you have a patient over the age of 65 who presents with frailty syndromes and has a Rockwood 4-7 rating, please refer directly via chu-fr.frailty@nhs.net or call 07557 315024.</p> <p>The patient will be offered an appointment with the frailty MDT (OT, physio, clinical nurse specialist and geriatrician) for a full comprehensive geriatric assessment (CGA). The service also has the ability to carry out virtual consultations, along with a geriatrician and the MDT, for care home residents. Please contact them directly using the above contacts should you require more information on this service.</p>
<p>Immunisations</p>	<p>Please find <i>attached</i> clinical guidance for healthcare professionals from NHSE/I and Public Health England on maintaining immunisations programmes during Covid-19 that has been produced by NHS England. It underlines that the routine immunisation programme must be maintained, and gives advice on how to approach some of the specific challenges practices may face in doing this. It also includes a series of FAQs that can be used in communication with the public. The production of the guidance has been supported by the Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP) and the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH).</p> <p>Clinical guidance for healthcare professionals on immunisation programmes during Covid</p> <p>Also <i>attached</i> are information sheets to support patients on attending their appointments during COVID-19, outlining some of the things they can do and the measures the NHS has in place to help protect them. At present there are versions available for vaccinations and diabetic eye screening, as well as a generic version (all <i>attached</i> below). These can be adapted and amended to suit locals needs.</p> <p>Diabetic Eye Screening COVID19 patient letter Template</p> <p>Template - info for patients on attending appointments</p> <p>Public guidance - attending vaccination appointment</p>

<p>LARC claims – SCC</p>	<p>As you may be aware, to mitigate against the financial impact of the Coronavirus, Public Health Suffolk agreed that the 2020/21 Q1 and Q2 LARC payment will be made despite a likely reduction in activity, and will be based on practice's average delivery payment in Q1, Q2 and Q3 2019/20.</p> <p>Even though you are receiving a payment which is not based on your Q1 LARC delivery, it is still crucial you submit your claim form to Publichealth.suffolk@nhs.net detailing your Q1 LARC delivery. This helps Public Health understand the impact corona virus is having on LARC delivery, and the effect this may have across the wider sexual health system, enabling us to strategize moving forward.</p> <p>2020-21 LARC Claim Form</p>
<p>T&E Respiratory video and resources</p>	<p>The video recording of last week's respiratory talk with Jonathan Douse is now available to view online for those who missed it or those who wish to watch again! The slides and accompanying resources are also available in the usual place on the CCG website.</p> <p>The prescribing session is also available using password: IESprescribing97</p> <p>A reminder too that your feedback is really valuable and it's not too late to tell us what you thought. Thank you.</p> <p>Leave Feedback about the Respiratory talk and Prescribing session Leave Feedback about the Nurse Forum Leave Feedback about Care Navigator Forum</p>
<p>NHS Self Care resources</p>	<p>NHS People has announced that Liberate Meditation have partnered with the NHS to provide free access to their meditation app. The app offers culturally sensitive and diverse meditations curated for the BAME community, aiming to reduce anxiety, alleviate stress and promote rest.</p> <p>https://t.co/3Buc8yj4Qy https://twitter.com/people_nhs/status/1277615167371608065?s=20</p>
<p>Wellbeing Suffolk</p>	<p>Many UK firms have announced thousands of job cuts as the impact of the pandemic on the economy continues, and this is an anxious time for many patients. There are many uncertainties, and the situation is changing day by day. Wellbeing Suffolk's employment advisers are available to offer support for individuals to navigate change through offering personalised, one-to-one advice, information and guidance with the aim of empowering individuals to manage their employment requirements alongside their wellbeing. They can offer advice and practical support, ranging from the creation of a CV and applying for a new role, to negotiating a return to work. Your patients can access this support here.</p>

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

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