

# Newsletter

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Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter for primary care. We issue 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>GP Practice Orders for Lateral Flow Devices</b></p>	<p>NHS England have been receiving queries from individual contractors who have ordered Lateral Flow Devices for staff testing some weeks ago. The <a href="#">attached document</a> has been provided from the national team and can provide some assurance for practices on deliveries.</p> <p>There is a delay in the data however, the list contains orders placed up to Friday 22nd January. You will see that when the delivery status is not already delivered, we have included delivery dates for this week gone. In cases where these dates are not available, it is most likely because delivery was scheduled for last week but was not yet updated on the list from PCSE.</p> <p>(note: the text above is from a message dated 29<sup>th</sup> Jan)</p>
<p><b>Covid Infographics</b></p>	<p>Included here is an updated version of the infographic about Covid-19 <a href="#">community testing</a> for people who cannot work from home and are asymptomatic. Please also see a new infographic about how to access <a href="#">financial support</a> for people who are asked to self-isolate and cannot work from home.</p>
<p><b>Suffolk Coronawatch 28 January 2021</b></p>	<p>Please click <a href="#">here</a> for the latest Suffolk Coronawatch bulletin with the Collaborative Communities Board newsletter at the bottom.</p>
<p><b>Covid-19 Research</b></p>	<p>Please click <a href="#">here</a> for the latest Clinical Research Network (CRN) Eastern Covid-19 update from the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR).</p>
<p><b>Latest Stakeholder Briefing</b></p>	<p>The latest Covid-19 vaccination update can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
<p><b>Prescribing Domiciliary Oxygen</b></p>	<p>GPs and other primary care clinicians are reminded that oxygen should NOT be prescribed directly from the supplier. Referrals, if such treatment is being considered, should be made through the community COPD team who can be contacted through the Care Co-ordination Centre (0333 123 2425)</p> <p>The COPD team will undertake a full assessment and arrange provision of oxygen and ongoing follow-up if needed. Inappropriate and unrestricted oxygen can be dangerous, for example in the presence of concomitant hypercapnia, and can remove respiratory drive with potentially fatal results. Careful evaluation and monitoring of oxygen therapy is thus essential.</p> <p>Moreover, if hypoxia is detected in Covid patients on the oximetry@home scheme, secondary care assessment is needed as indicated in the associated protocols. These patients should never be prescribed oxygen without specialist opinion.</p> <p>Dr J Douse, Consultant Respiratory Physician</p> <p>Dr P Holloway, I&amp;ES CCG Respiratory Lead</p>
<p><b>Advice &amp; Guidance for Lipids Service</b></p>	<p>When requesting Advice &amp; Guidance for the Lipids Service at Ipswich Hospital, please select 'General Medicine' under Specialty and not 'Endocrine and Metabolic Medicine'. This will ensure that the request for Advice &amp; Guidance goes directly to the correct clinician.</p>

<b>Allied Health Professionals – GP Update</b>	The February update from Allied Health Professionals can be accessed <a href="#">here</a> .
<b>Stroke</b>	The contract for the early supported discharge (ESD) service for stroke patients in Suffolk will transfer to a new provider from 1 April. The specialist service will provide up to six weeks of intensive stroke rehabilitation in patients' own homes following their discharge from an acute hospital, in turn helping them to regain their mobility and independence. Please see this <a href="#">document</a> for further details.
<b>eRS Advice &amp; Guidance Update</b>	Changes have been introduced to eRS from Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February that will allow referrers to authorise advice & guidance requests to be converted to referrals by the provider, where appropriate. Please find below link for further information about what is changing:  <a href="#">Referrers: advice and guidance changes planned for early 2021 - NHS Digital</a>
<b>Pathology</b>	In preparation for the Ipswich ICE OCS migration and subsequent upgrade to v7, ESNEFT have re-tested the new URL connectivity between SystmOne and v7 ICE OCS (referred to as 'ESNEFT ICE OCS'). This happened on Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb. If you haven't already done so, you will need to re-start your SystmOne application to access Ipswich ICE OCS. Please note - this request does NOT apply to EMIS WEB and desktop users of ICE OCS. Anyone with any enquiries relating to this matter should email the Pathology IT Team via <a href="mailto:pathp.servicedesk@nhs.net">pathp.servicedesk@nhs.net</a>
<b>Rego Teledermatology</b>	We are continuing to encourage all practices to use the Rego Teledermatology system as it is proving highly effective in the following ways: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. providing rapid advice and guidance to practices for patients with skin lesions - response from Ipswich Hospital Consultant Dermatologist usually within 2 working days.</li> <li>2. improving care for patients – almost 50% of patients do not need a hospital appointment and can be managed in primary care, reducing footfall into the hospital during Covid and reducing waiting times for patients who do require a hospital appointment.</li> <li>3. supporting earlier skin cancer diagnosis - 14% of patients sent through Rego have been fast-tracked into a 2WW appointment.</li> </ol> <p>The service is not suitable for under 16s or patients with rashes. If you have any questions regarding the service, clinical or technical, please contact <a href="mailto:caroline.wells@suffolk.nhs.uk">caroline.wells@suffolk.nhs.uk</a>.</p>
<b>Pregnancy Birth and Postnatal Information in Other Languages</b>	Please click <a href="#">here</a> to access to the latest padlet containing information on pregnancy, birth and postnatal services across Suffolk and north east Essex in 17 languages plus British Sign Language. Alternatively this <a href="#">QR Code</a> can also be used.. The CCGs' clinical lead is working towards getting this information included on the Mum and Baby App.
<b>SEND Strategy 2021-2023: Public Consultation</b>	A draft Suffolk SEND Strategy 2021 – 2023 has been co-produced in response to conversations with children and young people, families, practitioners and partner organisations through the "Time to listen....about SEND" campaign.  We would like to thank everyone who has taken the time to contribute. Please let us know your thoughts on what we've done so far and if we have understood and included the priorities that are important to you?  Please visit the <a href="#">Suffolk SEND Local Offer</a> website for more information.
<b>Flu</b>	Please click <a href="#">here</a> to see a letter from Professor Stephen Powis, NHSE/I National Medical Director, regarding the success of the 2020/21 Annual Influenza Vaccination Programme.
<b>Leg Ulcer Training Sessions</b>	Click <a href="#">here</a> to access information on Leg Ulcer Update sessions that are taking place between March and September this year.

<b>Frailty Webinar</b>	Building on the webinars delivered during the first wave of the coronavirus pandemic in 2020, a series of webinars has been developed by NHS Elect to support colleagues during this current wave. The webinars cover a range of practical topics and subjects from across the health and care system. They will be recorded so that colleagues can listen again at a time that is suitable for them and uploaded to NHS Elect's improvement network websites shortly afterwards. If there are any topics for webinars that you would find useful at this time, then please email <a href="mailto:frailty@nhselect.org.uk">frailty@nhselect.org.uk</a> . Please click <a href="#">here</a> to register to attend the first webinar in this series, 'Covid-19 care planning for older people living with frailty', at 11.30am on Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February. The webinar will be presented by Simon Conroy, Clinical Lead at AFN and Professor of Geriatric Medicine of University of Leicester.
<b>Latest ICS Briefing</b>	The ICS briefing dated 01 Feb 2021 can be accessed <a href="#">here</a> .

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

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