

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>COVID-19 Vaccinations - Care Homes</p>	<p>Please be reminded that any new residents into care homes that you are assigned to will be your responsibility to vaccinate (both first and second doses). At the point the care home contacts you to advise of a new resident, you will need to ascertain the resident's COVID-19 vaccination status and, if necessary, arrange for them to receive a complete vaccine course. It may be that they have already been vaccinated prior to becoming a resident, but this question will need to be added to your 'New Resident Form'. If it hasn't then arrangements will need to be made with the care home to vaccinate the resident as soon as possible. If you require AZ vaccine for care homes or housebound patients (first or second doses) and you don't have supply, please let your primary care lead know and they will secure some via mutual aid. It is worth liaising with other practices within your PCN to maximise vaccinations and minimise wastage. The CCGs' nurses and physios have done an amazing job in vaccinating the majority of care home residents with both the first and second doses.</p>
<p>Diabetes</p>	<p>Please support patients diagnosed with non-diabetic hyperglycaemia by referring them to the National Diabetes Prevention Programme so they can make the changes necessary to reduce their risk of developing type 2 diabetes. See this referrer information sheet for more information.</p> <p>You can refer your NDH patients onto the programme via the NDPP referral form. The link to the form can be found in the DXS toolbar.</p> <p>Xyla Health and Wellbeing is contracted to deliver the NDPP for the next three years in Suffolk. Please email robert.perrement@nhs.net to arrange a meeting to discuss how he can best support your practice in increasing referrals.</p>
<p>Mandatory FIT Testing in 2ww Pathways</p>	<p>Please see this update from NHSE regarding colorectal 2WW referrals.</p>
<p>Diagnosing Dementia – Top Tip 1</p>	<p>A recent Dementia meeting identified some “top tips” for identifying patients suffering from Dementia. We will be featuring one per week in this Newsletter. They are not mandatory but may help with increasing your dementia register numbers and getting patients help when needed.</p> <p>Tip Number 1 Diagnose based on the clinical evidence, without waiting for test results. Delays in diagnosis are stopping people getting care at an early stage.</p>
<p>Social Prescribing Referrals</p>	<p>The Connect for Health Social Prescribing service will be using SystemOne from Monday 28th June, referrals can be made directly through the system. More information will follow in due course.</p>
<p>Social Prescribing Dashboard</p>	<p>Attached here is the May 2021 Social Prescribing Dashboard for I&ES.</p>
<p>Suffolk Voluntary and Statutory Partnership (VASP)</p>	<p>Click here for the latest news from The Suffolk Voluntary and Statutory Partnership, a welcoming network of more than 1,200 people, sharing news relating to mental health and wellbeing and helping to enable people from groups and services to come together through Locality VASP groups and a Strategic VASP.</p>

Locum Doctors Survey	<p>A research team at the University of Manchester is conducting a National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) project examining the use of locum doctors in the NHS in England. The project is funded by the NIHR and has the support of national bodies including Health Education England, NHSE/I and the General Medical Council. We know that the increasing use of locum doctors – and the important contribution they make to the medical workforce – make this a topic of relevance throughout the UK and it is hoped the research findings will contribute to the development of future policy and practice. As part of the research, all GP practices in England are being surveyed about both their use of locums and their experiences. The survey takes on average about 15 minutes to complete and the accrual for completing it can be allocated to your practice using the organisation data service (ODS) code you provide in your response. If you just provide the town/city where your practice is located the accrual can be allocated to your local clinical research network (LCRN). The research team will send all respondents who want it a summary of the survey results which they hope you will find useful. Please follow this link to read the participant information sheet. For more information about the project please take a look at the project website which includes brief FAQs and two early journal papers (one reviewing the existing research literature and a second reporting on the experiences of locum doctors and those who work with them). If you would like to know more about the research project or have any questions, please email gemma.stringer@manchester.ac.uk.</p>
ESNEFT Newsletter	<p>You can view the latest edition of ESNEFT's staff newsletter here.</p>
Suffolk & NE Essex Training Hub Newsletter	<p>Issue 1 of the 2021 Suffolk & NE Essex Training Hub Newsletter is available here.</p>
Sensory Impairment Awareness Training	<p>The CCG have organised some online Sensory Impairment Awareness training sessions, which are open to care navigators, social prescribing link workers and PCN vaccination site staff, which will look at both hearing loss and sight loss. There are two sessions, the second of which is on Monday 28th June @ 10am.</p>
Online Conversation – Navigating the Mental Health System	<p>Suffolk User Forum are hosting an online conversation with Caroline Aldridge called “He Died Waiting”. The session will detail Caroline’s experiences as a family carer navigating the mental health system.</p> <p>Please this flyer for more information and details of how to book your place for the event, which takes place on Thursday 8th July, 1.30 to 2.30pm.</p>
Meet the MASH	<p>The Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub have arranged training sessions for Primary Care staff, inviting them to “Meet The MASH” on Tue 13th July or Weds 20th Oct.</p> <p>This training counts towards both your safeguarding adult and children additional level 3 hours</p> <p>Full details can be found here.</p>
Innovation Workshops	<p>NHSx Innovation Collaborative is in the process of arranging a series of workshops within specific areas of delivery including the care sector, respiratory, heart failure and diabetes. The online respiratory workshop will take place on Wednesday 21st July from 2pm to 4pm and is designed for clinicians and project staff who are working on projects regarding asthma, COPD and other respiratory conditions. This should include anyone working on virtual wards for multiple conditions that include respiratory conditions, including COVID-19. It will be opened by Andy Menzies-Gow, National Clinical Director for Respiratory Disease, and aims to connect people delivering respiratory projects within the Regional Scaling Programme with each other, to facilitate shared learning and collaboration, to ‘illuminate the bigger picture’ of what is going on nationally in the respiratory world (policy, strategy, additional funding opportunities etc) and to provide an opportunity for those on the ground to influence the centre. If you or any colleagues are interested in attending this event please email sarah.ford@nhsx.nhs.uk.</p> <p>Planned future workshops will include the Care Sector (Wednesday 14th July 2pm to 4pm), Heart Failure (Wednesday 4th August 2pm to 4pm) and Diabetes (Wednesday 25th August 2pm to 4pm - tbc).</p>

<p>Suicide First Aid Training</p>	<p>Spaces are available on fully subsidised Suicide First Aid Training, online via Zoom. Organisers are aiming the training at construction, builders, builders' merchants, shift workers, accountants, sole traders, volunteers, people affected by the COVID situation, or staff coming into contact with distressed members of the public.</p> <p>To be eligible you have to live or work in Suffolk (excluding Waveney) or North East Essex (Tendring, Colchester, Clacton).</p> <p>Training is available on:</p> <p>27th July 2021 – 9.30 -1.00 pm</p> <p>17th August 2021 – 9.30 – 1.00 pm</p> <p>You can sign-up by contacting Louise Biddiscombe (louise.biddiscombe@suffolk.gov.uk)</p>
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If have any questions or important information to share in the next edition, please contact [Scott Pomroy](#).

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