

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>PHE Covid-19 Literature Digest</p>	<p>Public Health England has been producing the COVID-19 Literature Digest since early February as part of the response. The Literature Digest Team produce a digest three times a week (sent via email), which summarises a selection of COVID-19 papers potentially relevant to PHE and incident stakeholders. The digest contains both peer reviewed and non-peer reviewed papers. We also have a weekly guest editor feature, which has been running since early July.</p> <p>A selection of previous digests are available here under the 'Keeping up to date' tab, alongside other complementary resources.</p>
<p>FIT Kits</p>	<p>We have had several recent enquiries from practices about supplies of FIT kits, as usage has predictably increased following changes to the 2WW colo-rectal pathway. Whilst the kits are not inexpensive, there are no shortages and they are not issued on a replacement basis. Fresh supplies can be freely ordered by email from the address below:</p> <p>chu-itr.fit-neesps-deviceordering@nhs.net</p> <p>Can we also take this opportunity to pass on the following points from the laboratory to ensure efficient usage of the kits.</p> <p>Use email above to order new devices.</p> <p>Correct labelling is important, particularly of the tube itself: use one of the sticky labels from the request form for this, as this contains all needed information to ensure processing.</p> <p>Please ensure request form is sent along with the sample, and that the ICE form is used, not paper microbiology or biochemistry. Incomplete labelling or incorrect forms can lead to unnecessary diagnostic delay.</p>
<p>Flu Letter</p>	<p>Please see the attached flu letter with information on protecting yourself, your family and our patients from flu this winter and the vaccination on offer.</p> <p>Flu Vac Letter 16 Sept 2020</p>
<p>National Elective Care Recovery and Transformation Programme</p>	<p>Please see attached, Advice and guidance: National Elective Care Recovery and Transformation Programme's high impact intervention one-pagers.</p> <p>Advice and Guidance for Primary Care</p> <p>Advice and Guidance for Secondary Care</p> <p>Advice and Guidance for System Leaders</p>

Clinical Prioritisation of Elective Waiting Lists	Please click here for an update on the Clinical Prioritisation of Elective Waiting Lists
Suffolk Family Carers – referrals to GP Advisors service	Please see attached a bulletin from Suffolk Family Carers regarding referrals to its GP Advisors service. Suffolk Family Carers – GP Advisors
To Live With Dying website - now online	The End of Life website - To Live With Dying is now fully live and can be shared within professional networks: https://tolivewithdying.co.uk/ The plan is to soft launch it for a few weeks before a public launch campaign begins in October to coincide with World Hospice & Palliative Care Day (10th October) and Hospice Care Week : (5-11 October) - full details to follow. If you have any queries, please contact: Denise Wrobbel, W2 Consults Ltd. denise@w2consults.com Tel: 07975 764294
Teledermatology Survey	We would be very grateful if you could take a couple of minutes to complete the survey below. We are keen to make the Teledermatology system as easy to use as possible and understand whether there are any barriers to using it, so your feedback would be gratefully received. The survey will close on 30 th September 2020. https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NSLLTWP
ICS Digital Survey	A message from healthwatch Suffolk: We are currently promoting a digital survey for the ICS. So far we have had nearly 300 responses from patients and families but only 27 from professionals. We really need to boost the response from professionals and wonder if you can help please. Here's the link to our digital survey along with associated information. https://healthwatchesuffolk.co.uk/news/digitalhealthandcaresurvey/ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Click here to access the survey for patients and the public • Click here if you work for an NHS or social care service We'd also love people to get involved with stage 2 of the research which will be co-produced. Any help you can give us in promoting this research would be appreciated.
Cancer Education Session 24 Sept 2020	Please don't forget to join us for our next cancer education session: Date/Time: Thursday 24th September at 1pm Topic: Cancer Diagnostics during Covid Speaker: Dr Peter Holloway I&ECG Cancer Lead / CRUK GP Click here to join Cancer Education Session on Cancer Diagnostics
Cancer Education Sessions - Timetable	Following on from the above, here is the latest timetable for the Cancer Education sessions.

<p>NHS Diabetes Prevention Programme - Lunchtime Webinar</p>	<p>Diabetes UK and the NHS Diabetes programme are pleased to invite you to a webinar about the NHS Diabetes Prevention Programme, entitled “What makes a good referral in a post-COVID world?”</p> <p>This webinar is aimed at those with an interest in finding out more about the current remote NHS Diabetes Prevention Programme offer or who refer patients onto the Diabetes Prevention Programme.</p> <p>The webinar will cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the Diabetes Prevention Programme and how has it changed since COVID-19? • What can we learn from participants’ experiences of the remote programme? • How can you make a quality referral to the programme – what do patients want to know when they’re referred? <p>When is it? Tuesday, 29 September 2020. Join from 12:15 for a prompt 12:30 start.</p> <p>To join click this link</p>
<p>Microsoft Teams Training</p>	<p>The CCG Digital & IT Team are running a series of lunchtime sessions for GP Practices where you will be able to ask questions about using Microsoft Teams.</p> <p>Details can be found in the attachment below.</p> <p>Microsoft Teams – Practice Training</p>
<p>Area SEND Interim Visits</p>	<p>The Suffolk SEND system has volunteered to participate in the national programme of survey work across 18 local areas, also known as the Area SEND Interim Visits, led by Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC). This will take place between now and March 2021.</p> <p>For more information, please refer to the attachment below.</p> <p>SEND Interim Visits</p>
<p>New Appointment to CCG Primary Care Team</p>	<p>We are delighted to share with you that following successful interview, Julia Smith from Holbrook & Shotley Practice will be joining the Ipswich and East Suffolk COO Team on 16 November 2020 in the capacity of Primary Care Manager.</p> <p>Working closely with Emily Rawlinson, Julia will primarily lead on Care Homes, Dementia and sexual health within the Primary Care Team.</p> <p>Julia brings with her a wealth of Primary Care experience and knowledge and will be a great asset to our team.</p>

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

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