

# Newsletter

## Issue. 60

### 07 August 2020

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!

<b>Flu immunisation</b>	Please click <a href="#">here</a> to view the 2020/21 flu immunisation letter – and an important update letter – from <b>DHSC, PHE</b> and <b>NHSE/I</b> .
<b>The Link</b>	Please see <i>attached</i> instructions on how your practice can sign up to <b>ESNEFT</b> 's new practice briefing, The Link, which holds information on the trust's referral process during COVID-19 and useful news updates. Information will soon be shared on the platform regarding the re-start of trust services and its tele-dermatology project.  <a href="#">Practice briefing - Reminder to register for The Link</a>
<b>DOAC guidance</b>	Following the initial peak in the Covid-19 pandemic, ICS guidance has been developed on moving suitable patients from warfarin to a DOAC in order to reduce the footfall in practices. The local AMS service have offered support for clinicians wanting to move patients to DOACS to ensure patients are moved over correctly following an INR result. The team can be contacted through the hospital switchboard on 01473 712233.  For further information please click <a href="#">here</a>
<b>OptimiseRx</b>	On Tuesday 11 August 2020, FDB are running a 'learning at lunch' online session about OptimiseRx. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about OptimiseRx which works alongside your clinical system.  The session is aimed at end users of OptimiseRx (e.g. GPs, PCN pharmacists, Non-medical prescribers) so may be of interest to your Prescribing Leads/PCN Clinical Directors. Further information is outlined below:  The session will cover: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How OptimiseRx works; from online portal to point of care messaging</li> <li>• The content and informatics behind the messages, referencing National Guidance and local prescribing priorities</li> <li>• The results OptimiseRx delivers e.g. key therapy area best practice guidance around AKI and ACB</li> <li>• How OptimiseRx supports the PCN DES</li> <li>• Q&amp;A</li> </ul> If this will be of interest to, please could you follow this link for registration: <a href="https://interactive.fdbhealth.com/optimiserxwebinar">https://interactive.fdbhealth.com/optimiserxwebinar</a>

<p><b>NHS England PCN workforce</b>  <b>Monday 10th August from 15:00 – 16:00</b></p>	<p>Below is an invite to a webinar which is being run by NHSE&amp;I. We appreciate the late notice however it will be recorded so those of you who can't make it can still watch at a later stage.</p> <p>Please note the content for this webinar will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outline opportunities and benefits of additional roles</li> <li>• Overview of Six Steps Methodology</li> <li>• Overview of regional facilitation of additional roles e.g. advanced paramedics</li> <li>• Overview of student supply pipelines from HEE</li> <li>• Practical advice regarding PCN workforce template completion</li> <li>• Available support</li> <li>• Q&amp;A session</li> </ul> <p>Please forward this link to any colleagues who would find this useful.</p> <p><a href="#">Join Microsoft Teams Meeting</a></p> <p><a href="#">+44 113 486 0108</a> United Kingdom, Leeds (Toll)</p> <p>Conference ID: 466 042 724#</p>
<p><b>Sip feed guidelines</b></p>	<p>The CCG and community dietitians at Ipswich Hospital have updated the adult sip feed guidelines and the quick reference guide which can be found <a href="#">here</a>. The dietitians request sip feeds based on the clinical requirements of patients and take into account the price of products so please do prescribe according to their prescription requests.</p>
<p><b>Wound care training survey</b></p>	<p>The training and education programmes previously organised through CCG Education and Training Hub are currently under review. We would greatly appreciate your feedback into the wound care training for GP Practices. In order to capture your views, and obtain as much information as possible we have developed a quick survey. This is aimed at all health care professionals who have a role in performing and managing wound care in GP Practices across Suffolk.</p> <p>If you could please spare 10 minutes to <a href="#">complete this survey</a>, it will greatly help us to understand how we can best meet your education needs in this area. Please follow the link below to complete the survey. The survey will close on <b>17 August</b>.</p> <p><a href="#">Wound Care Training For Primary Care Survey</a></p>
<p><b>Scam alert</b></p>	<p>At least one of our practices has been contacted by a Milton Keynes-based company called <b>Thermo Fisher Scientific</b> which purports to have been commissioned by 'the CCG' to provide food allergy testing services and is trying to set up lunch, telephone or video meetings with practice staff. Please be aware that this the firm in question has NOT been commissioned by the CCG, and that we are currently in the process of reporting them for misrepresentation.</p>

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

Issued by NHS Ipswich and East Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group  
[www.ipswichandeastsuffolkccq.nhs.uk](http://www.ipswichandeastsuffolkccq.nhs.uk) 01473 770000

Visit the [CCG Covid-19 webpage](#) where you can find many useful links and resources