

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>Care Homes</p>	<p>Update on Care Home Service Model, June – Sep 2020</p> <p>As per NHS England guidance sent out in May 2020 the CCG have been working to ensure smooth implementation, with such short deadlines, of the new care home service model (to be one of the DES specifications from 1 October 2020). We would like to give an update on the current position.</p> <p>In terms of Ipswich & East Suffolk CCG Local Enhanced Service (LES) there will be no immediate changes. The delivery will remain the same although, as communicated to practices in May (attached) there are some areas to be aware of.....</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Weekly check-ins to be delivered remotely wherever possible. All care homes now have iPads. The CCG is awaiting more guidance from NHSE on video consultations in care homes and the best system to use; for now we encourage GP Practices to work with their aligned care home to find a solution that works for them both in the interim. Most practices have already done this. <p>RESPONSE REQUIRED – To support our understanding of practice communications with Care Homes and video consultations in general please request your GPs to complete the short and simple survey here by Monday 29 June: GP Digital Communications Survey</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. To deliver the ward round by MDT where possible. There could be practical problems in delivering MDTs locally therefore it is not required weekly however it is permitted locally and encouraged where needed. There will be more developments around this by 1 October. 3. LD Care homes. A LES to cover these care homes is being drafted; the practices will be paid as per the DES on per bed, per year, basis. All aligned practices will be contacted individually around their payments for each home. 4. Medicine Management - IMPORTANT RESPONSE NEEDED - work is currently being undertaken to identify the work and support that is already being provided to care homes by healthcare professionals within the system and the CCG. Please could you complete the following survey to assist with this work by Monday 29 June https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZPPHG7X. This information will help to inform the development of future support to both care homes and the pharmacy staff working with them. <p>Thank you, any questions please contact laura.krolik@ipswichandeastsuffolkccg.nhs.uk</p>
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<p>COVID-19 alert level</p>	<p>You will be aware that on Friday, ministers and chief medical advisers reduced the UK's COVID-19 alert status to Level 3. This means that the virus is considered to be "in general circulation" and there can be a "gradual relaxation of restrictions". However, our system has been advised that the NHS response remains at Incident Level 4.</p> <p>From an operational perspective, this means NHSE will continue to take command of all NHS resources across England. We are asking all practices to continue working in the way they have been over the last three months, and to continue ongoing and consistent implementation of national infection prevention and control guidance including in staff areas. This will be paramount in reducing healthcare associated infections, and includes all staff adhering to social distancing (two metres) wherever possible in non-clinical areas. Please see <i>attached</i> a summary of the NHSE/I incident alert levels.</p> <p>Incident Levels Summary</p>
<p>Business continuity</p>	<p>Please find <i>attached</i> guidance for primary care on reducing the risk of staff acquiring Covid-19 and the impacts on service delivery, and a business continuity checklist as an aid for reviewing your business continuity plans.</p> <p>Guidance for primary care on reducing risk of staff acquiring Covid-19 and impacts on service delivery</p> <p>Business Continuity Checklist (Excel download)</p>
<p>Teledermatology service</p>	<p>A new tele-dermatology service will be going live in Ipswich and East Suffolk on Monday 22 June. Please see <i>attached</i> for further information.</p> <p>Practice briefing Tele-Dermatology 22.06.2020 IESCCG</p>
<p>ESNEFT recovery – A communication from last week</p>	<p>An enormous amount of detailed work has been going on at ESNEFT to restart services for patients who need urgent or clinically necessary care. Last week the trust treated 207 patients (in-patients and day cases), 88 per cent of whom were in the highest priority categories. This week the trust have 381 patients booked in across four sites – Ipswich and Colchester hospitals and the independent sector hospitals Nuffield (Ipswich) and The Oaks (Colchester). The trust also saw 11,847 outpatients, of whom 5,601 were seen face-to-face and the remainder virtually.</p> <p>A great deal of thought has been given to understanding how best to encourage and reassure patients who may be understandably anxious about coming into hospital for their care. This has included clinicians contacting the patients pre-appointment, and follow-up calls from administrative colleagues.</p>
<p>Meet the MASH</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Training sessions for Primary Care professionals</p> <p>All sessions are now being held on Microsoft teams on the following dates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mon 13 July 2-4pm • Weds 23 September 2-4pm • Tues 10 November 12.30-2pm <p>All primary care staff are invited to a MASH training sessions to understand the MASH processes, multiagency working, information sharing and what makes a good referral. To book a place please email Julie.purnell@suffolk.gov.uk and you will be sent a meeting invite.</p> <p>This training counts towards your adult and children level 3 hours.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Professional Consultation Line: Tel: 0345 6061499 Monday – Thursday: 9:00am to 5:00pm Friday: 9:00am to 4:25pm</p> </div>

<p>COVID 19 and its effects on Roma Webinar</p>	<p>Below is registration information for a webinar taking place at 3pm on Wednesday, discussing Covid 19 and the Roma Community. It will be particularly useful to those surgeries with a high number of Roma patients.</p> <p>Ep. 7: COVID-19 and its effects on Roma</p> <p>Wednesday 24 June, 3-4pm CEST Registration</p> <p>https://scientificnet.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_L5oChI7ZQKyAn6nYxFUFXg</p>
<p>CCG stakeholder update</p>	<p>Please see <i>attached</i> the latest stakeholders update from Dr Ed Garratt, Chief Executive of the NHS Ipswich & East Suffolk, NHS West Suffolk and NHS North East Essex CCGs and Executive Lead for the Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care System.</p> <p>Ed Garratt Update 19 June</p>

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

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