

# 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!

<b>Long Covid</b>	Please click <a href="#">here</a> for an information update regarding the <b>Suffolk and North East Essex Long Covid Assessment Service (SNEELCAS)</b> , which started on December 1, 2020.
<b>Covid-19 Vaccinations</b>	Some new <a href="#">guidance</a> has been released by <b>Public Health England</b> to address some of the Covid-19 vaccination queries being raised by <b>women of childbearing age and those who are pregnant or breastfeeding</b> .
<b>New Covid-19 Vaccination Sites</b>	This <a href="#">media release</a> from EPUT details the imminent opening of three more large vaccination sites (LVS), two of which are in our ICS. Additionally, please note that the LVS at the former Riverwalk School in Bury St Edmunds is now being referred to as Chevington Close, and that the soon-to-be-opened site at the former Forest Heath District Council offices in Mildenhall is now being referred to as College Heath Road. Please be aware that some of your patients may have booked vaccination appointments at these venues when they were still being referred to by their original names on the national booking system.
<b>Covid-19 Research</b>	Please click <a href="#">here</a> for the latest update on DHSC's Urgent Public Health COVID-19 research taking place in Suffolk and north east Essex, as well as the latest updates on findings and other related research news.
<b>Covid-19 and ICS Briefings</b>	The Covid-19 and ICS Briefing, from Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March, can be accessed <a href="#">here</a> and the briefing from Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> March <a href="#">here</a> .
<b>DNACPR - LD &amp; Autism</b>	Attached <a href="#">here</a> is a letter from NHSE/I containing guidance relating to Do Not Attempt Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (DNACPR) and people with a learning disability and/or autism.
<b>Maternity Services at West Suffolk Hospital</b>	<p>From March 21<sup>st</sup> 2021 the maternity services at West Suffolk Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust will no longer provide paper pregnancy Note booklets to our patients. This will coincide with the deployment of maternity documentation in e-Care, which will allow information pertinent to the patient journey to be available to General Practitioners through HIE.</p> <p>Patients will also have access to these records via the Patient Portal which they can register for at their first face to face appointment with a Midwife, giving them the ability to save their documents for personal reference, or view on a mobile device.</p> <p>There will be a transitional period of around six months where some patients will still have their notes on paper for reference and others electronic. Please be aware that for those who no longer have paper records, that their records should be viewed via HIE.</p> <p>For any queries, please contact <a href="mailto:steven.colman@wsh.nhs.uk">steven.colman@wsh.nhs.uk</a></p>
<b>Blood Test Requests</b>	<p>This is a gentle reminder to practices from the Care Coordination Centre that non urgent blood test requests should be sent via email to <a href="mailto:suffolkcommunityhealthcare.referrals@nhs.net">suffolkcommunityhealthcare.referrals@nhs.net</a>. This will help to ensure that the CCC phone line is kept free for patients and families.</p> <p>On the email referral, please provide the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Date of test</li> <li>• List of what we are testing for</li> <li>• Confirmation the forms are on ICE</li> <li>• Referring GP/Clinician</li> </ul>

<b>Changes to ACS Referral Portal and Customer First Waiting Times</b>	This <a href="#">letter</a> from Georgia Chimbani details changes to the ACS referral portal that apply from 8 <sup>th</sup> March.
<b>Speech and Language Therapy Referral Form</b>	The latest revised edition of the community speech and language therapy (SALT) referral form for the east and west Suffolk SALT teams is available <a href="#">here</a> . Please can you ensure that you <b>use this referral form only from now on</b> and discard any old versions you may have to avoid any confusion. Please title the form 'New' when uploading it to your system, which will also help to ensure the correct version is used when referring to SALT services.
<b>Promoting Safer Working Practices</b>	NHSE&I is looking for feedback on the 'at a glance' guides they have been sending to primary care since last April (see <a href="#">this example</a> ). They have asked if primary care colleagues wish to provide feedback on whether these guides are helpful or if there are any ways to improve them in the future. Please share any comments with Stuart Quinton via <a href="mailto:stuartquinton@nhs.net">stuartquinton@nhs.net</a> by March 31.
<b>CCG Primary Care Finance Team</b>	Following Wendy Cooper's retirement, from 8 <sup>th</sup> of March Jess Taylor-Allum ( <a href="mailto:Jessica.Taylor-Allum@suffolk.nhs.uk">Jessica.Taylor-Allum@suffolk.nhs.uk</a> ) will be leading on primary care finance.  Please send any finance related questions to Jess directly or <a href="mailto:suffolkccg-primarycarefinance@suffolk.nhs.uk">suffolkccg-primarycarefinance@suffolk.nhs.uk</a> .
<b>PCN Dashboard Launch</b>	Following a period of user testing, the Primary Care Network (PCN) dashboard has now been launched on NHS ViewPoint.  To access the Dashboard, please either <a href="#">register</a> on the Insights Platform, or login in using your existing <a href="#">Insights Platform account</a> , and then select the NHS ViewPoint product. A <a href="#">user guide</a> is available to help navigate the dashboard.  The dashboard supports PCNs to understand their local population health priorities and the benefits that they are delivering for their patients. It includes indicative data on performance and achievement for the Investment and Impact Fund indicators, as well as PCN service delivery and progress with recruitment. Some indicators draw on data extracted from GP IT systems, as described in the <a href="#">2020/21 Network Contract DES</a> . Further information about these indicators, and the SNOMED codes that they draw on, can be found on <a href="#">NHS Digital's website</a> .  The dashboard is refreshed when new data sources are updated and will evolve over time based on user feedback.  Please send any feedback on the product to the dashboard team using the <a href="#">webform</a> or email <a href="mailto:england.viewpoint@nhs.net">england.viewpoint@nhs.net</a> if you have questions about the product or struggle to gain access.  If you have any questions about the data available on the dashboard, email <a href="mailto:england.gpcontracts@nhs.net">england.gpcontracts@nhs.net</a>
<b>ESNEFT Staff Newsletter</b>	You can view the latest edition of ESNEFT's staff newsletter <a href="#">here</a> .
<b>The A, B, C (and D) of Dying Well – GP Training Dates in June – book your place by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021</b>	The CCG and Hospice have arranged this informal and informative training day for GPs to learn how to identify, pro-act, and confidently manage patients in their last months and weeks of life. This is training with a difference - covering anticipation and pro-active care to avoid crises; self-care for the physician, and discussions of who else can support you to support your patients and their families. Funded places are offered <b>free of charge to one GP per practice</b> . More than one place may be available for larger practices and funding is available towards backfill for GP time (practice managers have been emailed about this). Sessions will be a full day and take place online with choice of <b>Thursday 10 June</b> or <b>Tuesday 15 June</b> and can be booked via: <a href="https://www.stelizabethospice.org.uk/hospice-education/">https://www.stelizabethospice.org.uk/hospice-education/</a>  Please book your place before <b>31 March 2021</b> .  There is more information in the <a href="#">attached flyer</a> .

<b>Respiratory Update Evening</b>	Nursing Teams may be interested in an upcoming Microsoft Teams Event on the topic of COPD Annual Reviews. Details can be found <a href="#">here</a> .
<b>Training and Development</b>	<p><b>Thinking about training and education for your primary care career?</b></p> <p>The SNEE Primary Care Workforce Team are your first port of call if your seeking any training or education for your continuous professional development or primary care career. These training and education needs can be clinical, non-clinical, having difficult discussions, leadership, whatever you feel is needed. We will be contacting practices soon to ask what training needs you're identifying for the 21/22 financial year. This will help us ensure that the right training and education is available to you during the next 12 months.</p> <p>In the meantime use this email address <a href="#">SNEE Primary Care Workforce</a> as a first contact with us for training and education requests. The team will be delighted to hear from you.</p>
<b>Cancer Education Afternoon 10/3/21</b>	<p>Thank you to those of you who joined us for this session. As ever, we would really appreciate hearing your feedback. You can also download your responses so you can keep for your CPD and training record/reflective notes. Many thanks for your time. <a href="#">10 March Education Afternoon Feedback survey</a></p> <p>Here too is the link to the innovation survey and would be grateful if we could take 10 minutes of your time to do this. <a href="https://surveys.eahsn.org/zs/jRB8OM">https://surveys.eahsn.org/zs/jRB8OM</a></p> <p>Additional resources can be found on the <a href="#">Education and Training area of the CCG website</a>.</p>

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

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