

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>Blood clinic appointments at Ipswich Hospital</p>	<p>Ipswich Hospital's blood clinic has re-opened with a new online booking system. These appointments are now available for Outpatients and GP patients to book their blood tests. Urgent blood tests, which are time sensitive and must be taken at the hospital, can be booked by GP patients. Patients are being advised to book an appointment at Landseer Road clinic or Ipswich Hospital by using this link. Alternatively, patients may telephone 0333 103 2220 to make an appointment at either location. Patients who are pre-chemotherapy or on immunosuppressive therapy will be able to book appointments between 7.30am and 8am. These appointments may be booked by ESNEFT's Outpatient department or by patients themselves.</p> <p>This booking service is restricted to patients who do not have any symptoms of COVID-19, including a new continuous cough and/or raised temperature, and/or a loss or change in sense of smell/taste. The Landseer Road clinic is based at 476-478 Landseer Road, Ipswich, and opens from 7.30am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday.</p>
<p>Revised Quarantine guidance</p>	<p>The Government has updated its guidance for NHS staff and the need to quarantine following travel. Please see attached.</p> <p>COVID19-and-quarantine-revised-July-2020</p>
<p>Termination clinic at West Suffolk Hospital:</p>	<p>The location and contact details for GPs accessing West Suffolk Hospital's termination clinic have changed. The service has asked practices to update their records with the following:</p> <p>Email: wsh-tr.terminationclinic@nhs.net</p> <p>Tel No: 01284 713235</p> <p>The service will continue to run exactly as it does now, however the termination clinic will no longer be based in the Day Surgery Unit as it has now been integrated into the trust's Gynaecology Unit, Ward F14.</p>

<p>Communication from ESNEFT</p>	<p>Waiting list letters information for GPs</p> <p>As per the Sir Simon Stevens Letter ESNEFT has, with the Planned Care clinical leads from the CCGs, prepared a letter for patients relating to the RTT 18-week position. These will be sent out starting next week. They will include a bulk trace before sending out to ensure no RIP patients are included and that only patient awaiting a first appointment or who are over 18 weeks and are on a waiting list for treatment/or have no further OPA booked are contacted.</p> <p>ESNEFT has set up a helpline through PALS as we expect extra calls from patients with questions once the letters have gone out. There is also an e mail address in the letter for patients to make contact should they have questions about the letter.</p> <p>If you feel your patient needs to be expedited on the waiting list due to their condition changing please contact the consultant's secretary for the referral specialty, via the hospital switchboard.</p> <p>Letter 1</p> <p>Letter 2</p>
<p>New National Institute for Health Protection</p>	<p>A brand new organisation whose primary focus is public health protection and infectious disease capability is being established by the government. Please click HERE</p>
<p>Opportunity to feedback</p>	<p>ESNEFT has asked for feedback on how well Advice & Guidance is working as part of their Recovery & Reform Programme, as it should be active across all specialties. We would welcome impressions of those specialties where it is working well and those where it works less well, so we can work with the Trust to improve the service to primary care.</p> <p>Please send any observations to Angela.ashton@ipswichandeastsuffolkccg.nhs.uk</p>
<p>Evening Education session – Eating Disorders</p>	<p>We are restarting our evening education on mental health in September via the Teams online platform. Eating Disorders was a popular request from many of you who attended sessions in 2019 so we are pleased to have been able to re-arrange this session, which was cancelled in March. On 16 September, 7pm – 8pm we will focus on adult and child eating disorders; how to support in primary care, when to refer to secondary care and other services that can help. The session will include stories from people with experience of living with an eating disorder.</p> <p>Wednesday 16 September 2020 7pm – 8pm Join Microsoft Teams Meeting</p> <p>We hope you can join us; the session will be recorded for those of you unable to logon and the video will be shared alongside the other mental health education videos on our website.</p>

DXS Update	Please see latest update DXS Update August 2020
Consultant/ Primary Care Clinician – RDC	We are currently looking to relaunch the "Vague symptom Clinic" (previously known as the MIDAS service) in the autumn, with a community-based Rapid Diagnostic Centre to soon follow. We are currently looking for interested clinicians to run these services. This is an exciting opportunity to take part in and indeed help to shape a truly innovative and patient focussed transformation piece. Details can be found at: https://www.jobs.nhs.uk/xi/vacancy/916151555 .
September T&E event – Safeguarding Training	We will be holding safeguarding adults and children training for our virtual education and training afternoon via Microsoft Teams on Thursday 10 September . The afternoon will be split into 3 sessions: <i>Mental Capacity Act Assessments</i> (with a choice of options for those with experience and those without); <i>Safeguarding during Covid</i> ; and finishing with <i>Perplexing presentations and bruising in children</i> . These sessions will form part of your additional level 3 hours for both adult and children's safeguarding (so can be counted for both). Separate to this you need to complete your mandatory CCG level 3 session at least every 3 years which will moving forward involve some modules on e-learning as well as a virtual face to face session with the CCG Safeguarding team on local issues and case discussions. The attached Programme of Events includes the links you need in order to join the various sessions including the Annual Members Meeting taking place at 1.30pm, which is open to all.
Local Welfare Assistance Scheme	The Local Welfare Assistance Scheme (LWAS) in Suffolk is a local response to those who have found themselves in most severe financial hardship. This document sets out guidance on how gateway partners are able to assist people who are seeking help as part of the Covid-19 pandemic response. LWAS Guidance

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

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