

# 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><b>Covid Vaccination Infographic</b></p>	<p>This <a href="#">infographic</a> provides information about the Covid-19 vaccination programme.</p> <p>Translated pdf versions have been added to the other translated information that can be found on this web page: <a href="https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/about/web-accessibility/interpreting-and-translating-services/covid-19-information-in-other-languages/">https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/about/web-accessibility/interpreting-and-translating-services/covid-19-information-in-other-languages/</a></p> <p>You can find information and links to all of the infographics on the Message Cascaders web page: <a href="http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/message-cascaders">www.suffolk.gov.uk/message-cascaders</a></p>
<p><b>Covid Vaccination Roll-Out Briefing</b></p>	<p>Please click <a href="#">here</a> to access a briefing in relation to the roll out of the COVID-19 vaccination across Suffolk (including Waveney) and north east Essex, for your information. This will be issued each Tuesday in addition to the weekly Friday ICS Briefing.</p>
<p><b>Covid-19 Research</b></p>	<p>Please click <a href="#">here</a> for the latest Clinical Research Network (CRN) Eastern Covid-19 update from the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR).</p>
<p><b>Resources from PHE</b></p>	<p>Click <a href="#">here</a> for resources supporting the “Stay Home, Protect the NHS, Save Lives” message.</p>
<p><b>Admission Avoidance</b></p>	<p>GPs are now able to call a specialist consultant directly for urgent advice about the need to admit a patient to Ipswich Hospital. This is in addition to what is currently already available at the hospital to manage admissions. To speak to a consultant call 01473-703950. You will be put through to switchboard. Please let the switchboard colleague know that you are a GP and are ringing for consultant advice. The colleague will then put you through to the relevant senior clinician. For more detail please refer to the Catalogue of Services that was distributed to GPs last week.</p>
<p><b>LD Health Checks</b></p>	<p>In the recent NHS England letter titled ‘Freeing up practices to support COVID vaccination’ dated January 7, one of the key priorities for general practice over the coming quarter was to make significant progress on learning disability health checks and ethnicity recording supported through the COVID-19 Capacity Expansion Fund. The CCG recognises the difficulty in delivering annual health checks for this vulnerable patient cohort during this difficult time, but would like to share a <a href="#">short educational presentation</a> from Dr Taz Syed, GP Partner at Pall Mall Surgery in Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, and an LD Lead, to support practices in delivering this critical medical intervention for our patients. If you have any feedback about the presentation please email <a href="mailto:mark.shorter@nhs.net">mark.shorter@nhs.net</a>.</p>
<p><b>Diabetes</b></p>	<p>We are aware that some GP practices have received anxious calls from diabetes patients enquiring about their need for shielding letters. During this current lockdown such letters have been sent to those who have been identified as clinically vulnerable and not, quite rightly, to all people living with diabetes. However, we are aware that for some of these people shielding may be required. Therefore, Diabetes UK has issued a statement providing guidance/criteria on the need to shield and has produced a letter that can be printed off by the individual to present to a GP/clinician. Diabetes UK guidance is that you are in this high risk group if – in addition to being aged 50 or over, and having an HbA1c of over 75mmol/mol (9%) – you have ever had treatment for a chronic complication, or needed to go into hospital for an acute complication in the past five years. Please direct patients who call in to your practices to the Diabetes UK website, where there is a print off letter facility <a href="#">here</a>.</p>

<b>Pathology</b>	<p>As part of its continued service development ESNEFT is currently in the process of establishing its new Pathology Service Desk. This will mean a move away from the Cambridge University Hospital option. In preparation for the proposed change and 'go live' date, ESNEFT would be grateful if GPs would access the <i>self-service portal</i>. This access form will cleanse the existing data and provide ESNEFT with the most up-to-date information. It will all assist with all pathology or phlebotomy related enquiries. The registration form will be used to create accounts for staff who will in turn receive an email to verify their account. Please note - accounts will not be actioned until nearer the 'go live' date. This is to ensure all areas are captured with concise, accurate information for a smooth transition from the current service to the new one. Please use the <a href="#">Pathology Service Desk Registration Form</a> link. ESNEFT will continue to provide a telephone number and email for continued contact, however it is exploring innovative ways of service improvement via this service to assist patients and service users. If you require any further information or assistance please email <a href="mailto:reece.romain@esneft.nhs.uk">reece.romain@esneft.nhs.uk</a></p>
<b>End of life Documentation</b>	<p>In order to assist our acute hospital colleagues, please can you ensure that patients coming towards end of life (EOL) have a plan in place, appropriate EOL medication prescribed, and their medication chart written up.</p>
<b>Community Deprivation of Liberty</b>	<p>The documents below provide guidance around the Community Deprivation of Liberty process, and the information required from the GP when an application is made.</p> <p><a href="#">Quick Guide to Deprivation of Liberty Orders</a></p> <p><a href="#">Deprivation of Liberty - Information Required from GPs</a></p>
<b>Online Bereavement Support</b>	<p>Please click the following links for details of the <a href="#">LivingGrief</a> online bereavement support service available from St Elizabeth Hospice and a <a href="#">poster</a> for displaying in your practices if you wish.</p>
<b>Non-Digital Welfare Support Postcards</b>	<p>One of the actions from an ICS initiative looking at an equalities impact assessment and mitigations for the vaccination programme is to use the opportunity of contact with people passing through our vaccination programmes to distribute information about sources of welfare support in a non-digital format. We know that there are significant welfare needs (welfare, domestic abuse, mental health etc.) in our communities and that for many people they are unlikely to have accessed support online.</p> <p>The ICS have worked with Healthwatch, County Council and other colleagues to put together some printed postcards to be included routinely in the paperwork given to patients as they pass through the vaccination process. These are in the process of being delivered to vaccination centres this week. If you want to see what these look like they are on the Vaccination Programme website here <a href="#">Links to available support - SNEE NHS COVID-19 Vaccination Service (sneevaccine.org.uk)</a></p> <p>If these postcards could be included in the bundle of leaflets and information given out to patients that would be much appreciated.</p>
<b>The Skills Kitchen</b>	<p>The Skills Kitchen is an exciting, free, food-based training project which will run from April to July 2021 at the Museum of East Anglian Life in Stowmarket. It aims to introduce participants to the wide variety of work and roles that exist within the food industry and support them to take their next steps into training or work.</p> <p>It is open to anyone living in Suffolk over the age of 16, not currently in education or training, or who is unemployed or economically inactive. Applicants must have permission to live and work in the UK.</p> <p>Applications are open NOW. The deadline for submitting forms and eligibility documents is 24 February. However, places are limited so people are encouraged to register an interest before 31 January.</p> <p>All the details are available via the Museum website using the following link <a href="http://eastanglianlife.org.uk/theskillskitchen/">http://eastanglianlife.org.uk/theskillskitchen/</a></p>
<b>Electronic Health Records</b>	<p>Imperial College London invites GPs to take part in a study related to the design of next generation electronic health records (EHRs) in primary care. If you are happy to share your insights and thoughts regarding use of the EHR and what patient information is important to display prior to a patient consultation, please complete this short <a href="#">questionnaire</a>. It will take no longer</p>

	than five minutes a and gives you an option of entering a prize draw for a £50 Amazon voucher.
<b>Training Opportunities</b>	This <a href="#">flyer</a> contains details of Wound Care Training Events throughout this year. Advanced Care Practitioners (ACPs) may be interested in this <a href="#">opportunity</a> to become a trainer of educators of ACPs.
<b>Latest ICS Briefings</b>	The Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care System briefing for stakeholders and community leaders on 15 Jan can be accessed <a href="#">here</a> and the briefing on 19 Jan from <a href="#">here</a> .

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

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