

# 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>Mobile Testing Units – w/c 26/10/20</b>	Please find attached a list of this week’s mobile testing unit (MTU) locations.  <a href="#">MTU Plan w/c 26<sup>th</sup> October</a>
<b>New Local Alert Level Resources</b>	Please click <a href="#">here</a> to access new resources for all tiers of the Local Alert Levels. Also included are links to Translated Resources that come in a variety of languages.
<b>Covid-19 research</b>	Please see below the latest <b>Clinical Research Network (CRN) Eastern Covid-19 update</b> from the <b>National Institute for Health Research (NIHR)</b> . The CRN have also asked us to share with you that despite the pandemic, it has managed to recruit 545 participants for its FIT-East study across Norfolk, Suffolk and north Essex this year, so please don’t give out any more study documentation to patients with their FIT tests. The participants came from 147 general practices and the CRN will shortly be contacting practice managers with a request to complete a short online questionnaire for each of their participating patients and a copy of each patient’s consent form for your records. They cannot complete the study without this information so please complete the requests and return them by the end of October. The CRN said it was very grateful for your support and expects the results of the study to be published in Spring 2021, when it will circulate this to any interested colleagues.  <a href="#">Covid-19 Research Update</a>
<b>Roche Update – w/c 26/10/20</b>	Please find attached Roche update from 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct.  <a href="#">Roche Update – 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct</a>
<b>EEAST – Demand over half-term and Hallowe’en</b>	Attached below is an update from the East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust regarding an expected increase in demand for its services during the half-term/Hallowe’en period.  <a href="#">EEAST Half-Term Update</a>
<b>Innovative practice in primary care</b>	NHSE’s regional primary care team has collected <a href="#">examples</a> of best practice for the restoration of services in primary care following the initial COVID-19 response. The East of England region is establishing an online collaborative site to share these, and other, examples of good practice and collaborative working. If you are interested in accessing and helping maintain their store of innovation and best practice, please contact the team via <a href="mailto:england.eoepctt@nhs.net">england.eoepctt@nhs.net</a> .

<b>Aptima chlamydia products</b>	<p>Please see the attached newsflash from Cambridge University NHS Hospital Trust regarding restrictions on ordering Aptima chlamydia products.</p> <p><a href="#">Aptima chlamydia products</a></p>
<b>Hosting an International GP – Virtual drop-in events</b>	<p>Following the introduction of an NHS commissioned virtual language school, which continued to run during COVID-19, we are pleased to say we now have a pipeline of International GPs (IGPs) looking for practices.</p> <p>We would like to engage with practices and PCNs/larger practice groups who would be interested in hosting an IGP, and to facilitate this we are holding two virtual drop-in events specifically for clinicians and practices to come along and gain more information about the scheme. The events will take the format of a Q&amp;A session with representatives from Health Education England (HEE) and the national and local IGPR teams, as well as the East of England Medical Director Dr Alistair Lipp.</p> <p>These will be held on the following dates/times and the invites are as below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November @ 12.30 (<a href="#">click here</a> to join via Microsoft Teams)</li> <li>• Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November @ 18.30 (<a href="#">click here</a> to join via Microsoft Teams)</li> </ul> <p>Each event last for 45 minutes, and you are welcome to join in at any point during the session depending on when is convenient for you. If you are interested in finding out more and plan to attend one of the events, or are interested but unable to make either of the events and would like more information, then please contact <a href="#">Sonia Carnegie</a>.</p> <p>Not a training practice? No problem, please feel free to also express an interest/come along to one of the events or contact your local IGPR team and alongside HEE we can work with you around gaining the necessary accreditations.</p>
<b>Emergency Contact Cards</b>	<p>Emergency contact cards enable healthcare professionals to notify the holder's named friend or loved one in an emergency, or find out about someone's wishes if they are unable to communicate. Templates are available to download from the <a href="#">British Red Cross</a> in 36 different languages. Please consider including them in your information for patients.</p>
<b>REMINDER – Cancer Education Session 27/10/20</b>	<p>Remember to join us for our next cancer education session:</p> <p>Date/Time: Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October at 1pm</p> <p>Topic: Cancer as a Long-Term Condition</p> <p>Speaker: Andrew Yager WSCCG Cancer Lead / Macmillan GP Suffolk &amp; Alice Parr STP Cancer Lead / Macmillan GP NEE</p> <p>This will be a Microsoft Teams meeting; the link is below and also in the attached full schedule of education sessions.</p> <p>Please just click on this link prior to the date and time mentioned above.</p> <p><a href="#">Join Microsoft Teams Meeting</a></p>
<b>November Cancer Education Session</b>	<p>Save the date! The next event in the Cancer Education series is on 25<sup>th</sup> November and is on the subject of Cancer Diagnostics, led by Alice Parr.</p> <p>Joining details can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
<b>Suicide Awareness and Response Training</b>	<p>Suffolk County Council have arranged a Suicide Awareness and Response Training for Primary Care event on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 12.20 to 16.00. Please see the attachment below for more details.</p> <p><a href="#">Suicide Awareness and Response Training</a></p>

<b>Eclipse for Diabetes</b>	<p>Following some of the technical issues we experienced at the Diabetes education event on 7<sup>th</sup> October, we put the questions to Chelsea from Prescribing Services in writing instead. Please see below links for her answers and information about how a practice in Litcham uses the system.</p> <p><a href="#">QnA Eclipse for Diabetes and Case Study Litcham</a></p> <p><a href="#">SOP 1 Diabetes</a></p> <p><a href="#">SOP 2 Diabetes</a></p>
<b>Latest ICS Briefing</b>	<p>The latest Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care System briefing for stakeholders and community leaders can be accessed <a href="#">here</a>.</p>

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

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