

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!

Covid-19 New vaccination - Immediate Action Required	Please find attached a letter from NHSE/I setting out actions required for the vaccination programme. Covid 19 – Deployment Planning 30 Dec 2020
Covid-19 vaccination in Community Settings: SOP	Please click here for your information and review the standard operating procedures for delivery of the Covid-19 vaccination in community settings.
Covid-19 Vaccination Enquiries	The CCG’s communications team is doing everything it can on all available media channels to explain to patients that they will be contacted when practices are ready to vaccinate them against Covid-19. If you haven’t already done so, please edit your surgery answering machine message to include the following text: “If you are calling to find out when you can have the Covid-19 vaccine, please be assured that you will be contacted by this surgery, or one of our partner surgeries, when we are able to offer you an appointment. At this moment in time only those aged 80 or over are being vaccinated. If you are 80 or over and have not yet been given an appointment, this is because we have not yet received all of our vaccine supply, and so are having to prioritise those patients with pre-existing medical conditions.”
Outbreaks	Please see below new IIMARCH forms for use in connection with Covid19 outbreaks in primary care locations. As there is no access to the electronic reporting system for GP practices you must continue to report using the paper forms. Form 1 – Update to Outbreaks Form 2 – New Outbreaks
Patient, Carer and Family Engagement	Please see the new guidance for engaging with patients, carers and family members regarding learning disability and autism, dementia and mental health during the pandemic.
2nd Edition of the Pull-Out Pack for Care Home Vaccinations	The document “ NHS COVID-19 Vaccination programme Communications Toolkit: pull-out guide for care homes phase 2nd Edition ” has specific messages and resources for both PCNs and care home providers to help them prepare to roll out vaccines in care homes. It is also being shared through DHSC’s channels to the social care sector.
Infection Prevention and Control	Please click here for key learning points for all practice staff, including non-clinical colleagues, regarding the correct use of PPE in surgery settings. We are still experiencing outbreaks due to staff not wearing their PPE in staff rooms. We would also respectfully remind practice staff that they should under no circumstances come into surgeries if they have any Covid19 symptoms at all. Practices are additionally reminded that all infection prevention and control (IPC enquiries should be channelled through the CCGs’ Incident Control Centre (ICC) which will contact the IPC team directly on your behalf. The ICC can be contacted on 01473-770174 or on email via iesccg.suffolkccgincident@nhs.net .

Translated Tier 4 rules infographic	<p>13 translated PDF versions of the Tier 4 Infographic have been added to the other translated information that can be found on this web page: https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/about/web-accessibility/interpreting-and-translating-services/covid-19-information-in-other-languages/</p> <p>JPG versions are available on the Public Health Suffolk Facebook page: www.facebook.com/PublicHealthSuffolk</p>
Referrals for Mesh complications	<p>Patients with significant mesh problems after Stress Urinary Incontinence or Pelvic Organ Prolapse surgery can be referred to the Urogynaecology team at Cambridge University Hospital (CUH) via letter on ERS (Gynaecology Clinical Assessment Service). Although CUH have previously accepted these referrals, they have now been officially awarded the contract for the Mesh service. Further information including signs, symptoms and other referral locations is available on the link below. This information is also being added to DXS for future reference.</p> <p>NHS England » Information for Health Professionals on Mesh Implants</p>
Discharge Summaries	<p>We wrote to you just before Christmas to inform you of identified issues with the potential for some clinical narrative to be missing from discharge summaries. We are pleased to advise you that we have identified a temporary fix for this issue that was implemented on Weds 6th Jan. We are currently identifying the discharge summaries that were affected and will be confirming the look back arrangements in due course. In the meantime we would continue to suggest that you use the Health Information Exchange for complete information on any discharge summary where you feel information may be missing.</p> <p>In the coming months we will be continuing to look at methods to improve our methods of communication and the quality of the data that you receive and will be actively involving primary care in those discussions.</p> <p>Sarah Jane Relf Head of Digital Transformation West Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust</p>
Foreign Language Resources	<p>This link leads to a series of videos and documents in foreign languages that cover subjects such as Pap Testing, Think 111 and Covid related items.</p>
FIT in colorectal 2WW referrals	<p>As COVID numbers increase in our local populations the pressure on non-Covid health care inevitably also increases. Cancer services particularly need to continue as normally as possible, so it is essential that we need to persist with pathway changes adopted and lessons learnt from the first wave. Thus, may we remind you that the 2WW colorectal pathway (in the absence of rectal bleeding) includes a MANDATORY FIT test.</p> <p>This is crucial to allow clinical triage and help assess prioritization for colonoscopy, which for a variety of reasons may not be operating at full capacity. It is not necessary to wait for a result as this can be accessed direct from the lab by secondary care; it is also important to continue with a fast track referral if other criteria are fulfilled and the test is negative. Failure to perform a FIT test in primary care may result in delays to your patient's care. Moreover, if referring to ESNEFT, please ensure the specimen goes to Ipswich or Colchester labs.</p> <p>May we also remind you that the appropriate receptacle is included in the FIT pack, and there is no need to give any other specimen pot; and it is also important to ensure the sample and accompanying form are correctly and fully labelled. You may also wish to give consideration to performance status when making a decision to refer: for example, geriatric services might be more suitable for the investigation of anaemia in the frail elderly.</p> <p>Practices have reported difficulties in ensuring adequate supplies of FIT tests. Whilst these should be replenished automatically, extra can be freely ordered by contacting the lab: chu-ftt.fit-neesps-deviceordering@nhs.net</p> <p>Many thanks for your cooperation during this difficult time.</p> <p>Dr Peter Holloway</p>
Contraception Clinics	<p>Suffolk Public Health have commissioned the GP federation to hold additional clinics for the fitting of long-acting reversible contraception (coils and implants) to support practices in working through backlogs of LARC appointments during the pandemic.</p>

	<p>These will take place in the evenings and on weekends and patients currently on waiting lists will be contacted directly by the GP federation to book them into an initial telephone consultation followed by a subsequent fitting appointment.</p> <p>If your practice currently has a waiting list for LARC appointments, please send an up to date list to Catriona.mccallum@nhs.net (note: if you have information on whether a fit for a coil or an implant is required this will help get women seen more quickly as clinics can be planned in advance to ensure we are maximising use of staff and skill mix). The clinics are currently reserved for patients who are already on a waiting list only, so we ask that any new patients requiring LARC are either managed in practice or added to a waiting list so we can best prioritise the women who have been waiting some time for their contraception.</p> <p>If you have any questions or would like some further information please get in touch with either Sharna.allen@suffolk.gov.uk or Catriona.mccallum@nhs.net</p>
End of the EU Transition Period	<p>The UK exited the EU on 31 January 2020 and today, December 31, is the final day of the transition period.</p> <p>The UK government has reached an agreement with the EU as to the relationship beyond the end of this transition period.</p> <p>This document provides further detail for the NHS on the impact of this agreement.</p>
NHS Volunteer Responders	<p>Please see below a patient-facing poster for display at your practices regarding the work of the NHS Volunteer Responders service delivered by the Royal Voluntary Service.</p> <p>NHS Volunteer Responders Poster</p>
This Girl Can – Virtual Event 18 to 22 Jan 2021	<p>Please see below a link to the schedule for Abbeycroft Leisure’s <i>This Girl Can</i> virtual event which takes place from Monday January 18 to Friday January 22, and an accompanying media release giving details of the campaign. All the events are free and women from across Suffolk are invited to take part, regardless of their background, age, experience with physical activity or ability. If you have any questions regarding the events, or the campaign in general, please email tgc@activesuffolk.org.</p> <p>This Girl Can Virtual Event Timetable</p> <p>This Girl Can Virtual Event – Campaign Details</p>
National GP Worklife Survey	<p>The National GP Worklife Survey has been running for 20 years and provides the only consistent national picture of the working lives of GPs and how it is changing over time. It is particularly important at the moment because all of your working lives have been affected so profoundly by Covid19. The survey is organised by Professor Kath Checkland, GP and Professor in Health Policy and Primary Care at the University of Manchester. All GPs in England are invited to complete the survey here. If you would prefer a paper copy of the survey please email Katherine.H.checkland@manchester.ac.uk. A high response is needed to ensure the findings are valid. The summary findings will be made available to the Department of Health, NHS England, the BMA, and the Doctors’ and Dentists’ Review Body, as well as GPs themselves. The survey therefore represents an opportunity for GPs to let policy makers know about the things which are affecting their job satisfaction and stress. In order that recruitment can be mapped correctly, please input your CCG area into the free text box on the form.</p>
Clinical Supervisor Training	<p>To help support you in your clinical supervisor role two 1.5-hour training webinars have been created. The first one is recorded and can be accessed here: https://vimeo.com/387402480/03f52bad36. <i>You must watch this video before attending the second webinar on the 19th January.</i></p> <p>The second webinar is an assessor standardisation and must be attended live. The next event is on the 19th January from 12.30 - 2pm (although the aim is to finish earlier).</p> <p>Please register in advance for this meeting using the link below.</p> <p>https://cppe.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAud-usqTosE91d5vXqf_Dy9AzdWRo1IGUM</p>

	<p>After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.</p> <p>If you have any queries please contact Emma Wright (emma.wright@cppe.ac.uk).</p>
Doctors in Difficulty – Virtual Conference 25/02/21	<p>This conference is aimed at senior clinicians, clinical directors, responsible officers, medical directors and clinical leads and focuses on managing and supporting doctors in difficulty and difficult behaviour.</p> <p>This conference aims to support you to identify concerns early, diagnose the issues, and ensure effective intervention and support doctors who are experiencing difficulty or demonstrating difficult behaviours. There will also be a focus on enhanced support during Covid-19.</p> <p>Full details and information on how to book can be found by clicking here.</p>
Safeguarding and other Training Opportunities	<p>Please see below training dates for Level 3 Joint Safeguarding Children and Adult Training for GPs and Primary Care Staff only.</p> <p>26 January 2021, 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm, via Microsoft Teams – to book a place, please use the below link</p> <p>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/level-3-joint-safeguarding-children-and-adult-training-for-gpprimary-care-tickets-130030646163</p> <p>25 February 2021, 9.30 am to 11.30 am, via Microsoft Teams – to book a place, please use the below link</p> <p>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/level-3-joint-safeguarding-children-and-adult-training-for-gpprimary-care-tickets-130031568923</p> <p>24 March 2021, 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm, via Microsoft Teams – to book a place, please use the below link</p> <p>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/level-3-joint-safeguarding-children-and-adult-training-for-gpprimary-care-tickets-130031815661</p> <p>You may also be interested in these events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diabetic Foot Screening virtual workshop, 18 January 2021 3pm – 6.40pm, £35 per person • Insulin Awareness/Update & Injection Technique virtual workshop, 27 January 2021 9am – 12.30pm, £15 per person <p>More information and booking details can be found at: https://www.duetdiabetes.co.uk/diabetes-virtual-workshops</p>
Constructive Parenting conversations, and Neurodevelopmental conditions in children	<p>Our next evening education session looks to offer practical guidance on how to make sure the needs of patients, parents, carers and families are met.</p> <p>We welcome Judith Moore, County Parenting Coordinator in the Nursing and Early Help Service with Suffolk County Council and Dr Ankit Mathur, Consultant Community Paediatrician and Clinical lead for Community Paediatrics in Suffolk. Dr Mathur sees children with a wide range of neuro-disability and neurodevelopmental Disorders and leads a Clinical Forum in order to further develop services across the Suffolk Alliance for Neurodevelopmental Disorders. He says: <i>“I appreciate the difficulties faced in Primary Care with regards to children being referred for neurodevelopmental conditions. I hope to touch on what can practically be done to support families and outline the key features of assessment and management of these conditions.”</i></p> <p>28 January 2021, 7pm – 8.15pm on Microsoft Teams</p> <p>We hope you can join us. For more information contact ShelleyHart@nhs.net.</p>

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

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