

Newsletter

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Welcome to the latest edition of the newsletter. We will be issuing 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>Exempt Prescriptions</p>	<p>Unsigned exempt prescriptions during Covid being converted to paid prescriptions</p> <p>We have received reports from local dispensaries that prescriptions submitted to the NHSBSA during March and April that were ticked as exempt but not signed or were stamped by the practice to avoid patients handling prescriptions during the Covid pandemic have been converted to paid prescriptions. This has reduced the reimbursement received from dispensed prescriptions for this period.</p> <p>If you think you have experienced this problem please contact the NHSBSA to confirm this. It is recommended that affected practices contact the LMC and the DDA (if you are a member) to inform them that this has occurred and with the information of extra charges incurred.</p> <p>The LMC, LPC and DDA are currently in contact with the NHSBSA to try to resolve this issue.</p>
<p>ESNEFT services</p>	<p>Please see <i>attached</i> information regarding The Link, a website developed by ESNEFT to provide primary care colleagues with the most recent communications and information about the trust's services.</p> <p>Practice briefing - The Link ESNEFT July 2020</p> <p>https://esneftlink.org/</p>
<p>Tongue tie service</p>	<p>Please be aware that Ipswich Hospital recommenced its tongue tie service last Thursday (9 Jul) and Colchester Hospital has restarted its service this week.</p>
<p>PCN DES Cancer education</p>	<p>Please don't forget to join us for our first cancer education session:</p> <p>Date/Time: Tuesday 21 July at 1pm. Topic: PCN DES Speaker: Dr Peter Holloway</p> <p>Registration to this first session is in the attached Flyer and in the full timetable also attached, but for quick access please click below to register for the PCN DES session which will be facilitated by CRUK: Registration for CRUK Webinar PCN DES. Please ensure you register early to enable you to join at the scheduled time.</p> <p>We look forward to you joining us, many thanks</p> <p>Alice Parr ICS Cancer Lead / <i>Macmillan GP NEE</i> Peter Holloway IESCCG Cancer Lead / <i>CRUK GP</i> Andrew Yager WSCCG Cancer Lead / <i>Macmillan GP Suffolk</i></p> <p>PCN DES Webinar Flyer 21 July – SNEE</p> <p>Cancer Education Timetable PCN DES</p>
<p>PharmOutcomes</p>	<p>Most community pharmacies in England will be able to send electronic notifications for urgent supplies of medicines provided as part of the Community Pharmacy Consultation Service by the end of this month. The new functionality, which is already in use at pharmacies using Sonar Informatics, will be enabled for pharmacies using Pinnacle's PharmOutcomes system over the next three weeks. This means that GP practices that can receive the electronic workflow notifications (all TPP SystemOne practices and some EMIS Web practices in pilot) will start to see an increase in numbers. More information is available via the NHS Digital website here.</p>

BAME support	NHS People has partnered with Liberate Meditation to provide free access to its meditation app. The app offers culturally sensitive and diverse meditations curated for the BAME community that aim to reduce anxiety, alleviate stress and promote rest. Details of the app can be obtained here .
Grant funding	<p>THE CHARLIE WALLER MEMORIAL TRUST</p> <p>TED FORT PROJECT GRANT FOR NURSES AND ALLIED HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS WORKING IN PRIMARY CARE 2020/21</p> <p>This is a £3000 grant awarded annually for a project carried out in primary care relating to patients with mental health problems. One grant is available.</p> <p>Grant aim The purpose of this grant is to support a nurse or allied healthcare professional working in primary care to undertake a project related to improving the recognition of patients with mental health problems and helping them to access appropriate treatment.</p> <p>Who should apply? The grant is open to registered nurses and registered allied healthcare professionals working primary care in the UK. They should have an interest and enthusiasm for mental health. They do not need to consider themselves highly experienced in the field or have had any previous mental health training.</p> <p>Project description The project will be carried out over the period of one year (1 October 2020 to 30 September 2021). The deadline for applications is mid-day on Tuesday, 8 September 2020.</p> <p>Please follow the link for more information: https://bit.ly/TedFortNurseGrant</p>
Safeguarding	Virtual Training Session available on Harmful Practices covering topics including Honour Based Abuse, FGM and more. Thursday 30 July 2020, see <i>attached</i> flyer for more information. Harmful Practices Training Flyer 30 July 2020
CCG stakeholder update	Please see <i>attached</i> the latest stakeholders update from Dr Ed Garratt, Chief Executive of the NHS Ipswich & East Suffolk, NHS West Suffolk and NHS North East Essex CCGs and Executive Lead for the Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care System. ED GARRATT UPDATE 15 JUL

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

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