

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 Vaccination Incidents	With immediate effect, PCN vaccination hubs should notify the CCGs of any incidents that occur in relation to Covid-19 vaccinations. Notifications should be emailed immediately to NEECCG.si@nhs.net which is monitored regularly.
Covid-19 Research	Please click here for the latest update on DHSC's Urgent Public Health Covid-19 research taking place in Suffolk and north east Essex, as well as the latest updates on findings and other related research news.
Covid-19 – Vaccination Programme Briefing for Local MPs	Attached here is a briefing on the programme which has been shared with local MPs in the SNEE area.
iCare Dementia App	<p>It is with great pleasure that we are able to announce the launch of the iCare Dementia app, which you can download now to your computer, tablet or phone https://icaredementia.org</p> <p>Full details can be found here.</p> <p>This app was created in partnership with service users, carers paid/unpaid and professionals across the wider system lead by Cat Ritson, RGN. Our ask is that you share this as widely as possible to help professional and unpaid carers support those living with dementia.</p> <p>We hope that you find this app of use and if you have any comments about how to improve the app or you are happy to share your experiences we would value any feedback to continue to develop the app. Please send these to gail.cardy@westsuffolkccg.nhs.uk.</p> <p>Also contact Gail should you wish to find out more about the iCare umbrella of apps supported by the Clinical Commissioning Group and she will ensure that you are connected with the right individuals</p>
GP Registration - Updating Practice Websites	Some GP practice websites are still displaying information stating that proof of ID/address or immigration status is required to register, which is no longer the case as outlined on the NHS.uk website . Please check and update your websites accordingly. NHSE/I is also encouraging practices to offer an initial health assessment for new registrants to identify vulnerability to Covid-19 and code as 'Clinically Extremely Vulnerable' where appropriate. NHSE/I has also asked us to make you aware of its 'Homelessness Training for GP Receptionists' , and the Safe Surgeries initiative , which reassures people that immigration status will not be checked, and that they are in a safe space.
DXS Form Validation	DXS have introduced validation functionality to referral forms. Full details can be found here .
School Nursing Referral	<p>The School Nursing service is no longer able to accept support requests via email, task or letter.</p> <p>The school nursing service has a new referral form which is now available on the website https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/childrens-health/school-nursing. Please send completed referrals to childrenshealth@suffolk.gov.uk.</p>

Oakleaf Survey	You may have received a communication from Oakleaf Surveying Limited which invited practices to participate in a survey (background information from Daniel Turner is attached). More clarification is provided herewith after a number of practices have queried how the information would be used. The information gathered by the surveys will be crucial to supporting the development of the PCN estates strategies and ultimately the development, review and approval of practice and PCN business cases. Please therefore complete the surveys as soon as possible. The CCGs have supported the programme by providing much information on the primary care estate to assist practices. The surveyors will look to be as efficient and unintrusive as possible.
Greener Practice Essex & Suffolk	Reduce, Reuse, Recycle! Join Greener Practice for its next meeting on Wednesday 12th May from 5.30pm to 6.30pm to discuss how we can reduce waste in primary care, save money and save the planet. Greener Practice is a group of GPs and other primary care professionals who are interested in promoting planetary health and reducing the environmental impact of their surgeries. Email greenerpracticeessexandsuffolk@gmail.com for more details. What do you do with the used batteries from medical equipment such as thermometers and pulse oximeters? Batteries should not go in domestic waste, so please request a free batteries collection box here . Guidance and materials are available now for RCN Glove Awareness Week (May 3-7) . Appropriate glove use and hand hygiene is as important as ever but it's also important to reduce unnecessary wastage. This year for Glove Awareness Week, the Royal College of Nursing is encouraging members to reduce glove use safely using its ' <i>make one change</i> ' approach. Guidance on safely reducing glove use is available online, along with a variety of materials for spreading the word on social media and in the workplace.
ESNEFT Staff Newsletter	You can view the latest editions of ESNEFT's staff newsletters here and here .
Dementia Action Week – Webinars w/c May 17th	Maggie Woodhouse, a dementia practitioner/trainer from West Suffolk Foundation Trust, will be delivering three separate webinars via Teams during Dementia Action Week to support staff with patients who have a cognitive impairment The topics covered are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tips for communicating with a person with dementia• Management of patients with Behavioural Psychological Symptoms of Dementia• Dementia, Delirium, a differential Diagnosis? Monday 17th Communicating 6 -7pm Tuesday 18th Management of patients with Behavioural Symptoms 6 -7pm Wednesday 19th Dementia - Delirium 2-3pm Thursday 20th Management of patients with Behavioural Symptoms 2-3pm Dementia - Delirium 6-7pm Friday 21st Communicating 2-3pm Please email Maggie for booking information. Maggie.Woodhouse@wsh.nhs.uk
Primary Care Support England Webinar	As preparation for the launch of the new GP payments and pensions service, Primary Care Support England (PCSE) is holding a webinar focused on GP practices to give them some advance views of what they can do with the new systems. The introductory webinar is being held between 11am and 12.30pm on Wednesday, 19 May . Click here for further details.

Leading Transformation – Online Learning	<p>Leading Transformation in 2021 – online learning for transformation leaders in health and care.</p> <p>To support leaders to meet the specific challenges of leading transformation in 2021, the East of England Leadership and Lifelong Learning Team is providing an online programme of solution focused bite sized learning sessions throughout June and July.</p>
Supporting the Contraceptive Choices of People with Learning Disabilities	<p>Join the Supported Loving Campaign for an online session to explore how adults with learning disabilities are supported to make, and be involved in, decisions about their contraception.</p> <p>Wednesday, 19 May 2021 14:00 – 15:00 BST</p> <p>To book on to session please go to: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/supporting-the-contraceptive-choices-of-people-with-learning-disabilities-tickets-152344555667?</p> <p>The post Supporting the contraceptive choices of people with learning disabilities appeared first on Suffolk Learning Disability Partnership</p>
ICS Briefing	<p>The latest Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care System briefings for stakeholders and community leaders can be accessed here.</p>

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

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Visit the [CCG Covid-19 webpage](#) where you can find many useful links and resources