

Covid-19 Newsletter

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Welcome to the latest edition of the Covid-19 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>GP Microsite</p>	<p>ESNEFT is currently receiving an increased number of messages from primary care asking for patients' appointments to be expedited. Whilst this is clearly justified and understandable given the altered modalities of appointments and the pressure on diagnostics, they have asked for us to give as much additional clinical information as possible in support of such requests, in order to facilitate appropriate prioritization.</p> <p>ESNEFT is shortly to open a GP microsite, which will give up to date information on service availability, outpatient waiting times and open access diagnostics. Further details will follow when the site is officially launched.</p>
<p>Asymptomatic testing</p>	<p>There is currently no national policy or requirement for asymptomatic testing in primary care. Therefore it is not currently available and there is no indication of when it is likely to be available.</p>
<p>Sexual health</p>	<p>Please see <i>attached</i> an update from iCaSH Suffolk (integrated contraception and sexual health services) regarding the delivery of sexual and reproductive health services in the county as well as new initiatives being put in place in response to Covid-19</p> <p>iCaSH update</p>
<p>Sustainability</p>	<p>The CCGs' Sustainability Group has been hard at work devising ways we can help make the NHS a greener organisation, and have produced a short video which explains why this work is so vital. Please click HERE to view the video. We would very much like to hear your views on sustainability within general practice, and would be grateful if you would complete this survey. You may also be interested in a free webinar for GPs on greener practice that is being hosted by the Royal College of General Practitioners' White Rose Faculty on Friday (June 26) from 1pm to 2pm. You can register for the webinar here.</p>
<p>Roma families and safeguarding</p>	<p>Please see below useful video resources for Roma families returning to the UK from national charity Roma Support Group. The videos explain the 14 days isolation & exemptions etc- we know there is significant confusion across communities so this will be really helpful</p> <p>For both videos the text is in Romanian and English. The voice is in Romanian and Romanes.</p> <p>This is in Romanian: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DtmQqgl1wVU&t=1s</p>

	<p>This one (on RSG facebook page) in Romanes: https://www.facebook.com/RomaSupportGroup/videos/188157119281092/</p> <p>There is also a multimedia toolkit for Roma parents explaining the legal framework of child protection. The toolkit consists of an information guide and a short film illustrating key elements of the legal framework and the skills needed to fully comply with the child protection requirements.</p>
<p>CCG stakeholder update</p>	<p>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.</p>

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

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