


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>Lunchtime closures</p>	<p>Please can you ensure that from 6th July your practice remains open from 08.00 - 18.30 Monday to Friday and any lunchtime closures come to an end.</p> <p>The CCGs were happy to allow this relaxation of the GP contract to support staff, however as we move back into business as usual NHSE expect us to adhere to the GP contract specification.</p> <p>If any practice have any queries about this request please contact David.brown2@ipswichandeastsuffolkccg.nhs.uk</p>
<p>PPE</p>	<p>Please can we remind you that we do not provide masks for patients, they are expected to provide their own. If you are struggling to obtain PPE please contact snee-ppe@suffolk.nhs.uk</p>
<p>Your patients and your primary care need you! </p>	<p>A Survey to share your ideas.</p> <p>Suffolk GP leaders from the LMC, CCGs, PCNs and Suffolk GP Federation want to understand how we bank the gains you have made during the Covid Pandemic, ditch what doesn't work and hear from you what more we could all do to support how we work better with our patients, our colleagues, our practices and our healthcare system.</p> <p>Please can we ask you to spare a few minutes to complete a short survey.</p> <p>Hearing from you will help us all so please participate and encourage those you work with to do so too. All your reflections are welcome and your answers will be kept confidential and not attributable to your practice. The data will be analysed by Eastern AHSN and we will write a report so that you know the outcomes of this exercise.</p> <p>Thank you for your time. Please follow link to the survey: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=eKCmRrCgNEqj3Ce611t1MQKoj898pgZHlx5IIRXKD0pUNVZGRDFDVkdWS1A1RzdSWTQ2VDczSktaUSQIQCN0PWcu</p>

<p>T&E 9th July</p>	<p>We will be holding a virtual education and training afternoon via Microsoft Teams on Thursday 9 July and we very much hope many of you will be able to join us.</p> <p>Our headline clinical topic is Respiratory where we welcome consultant Jonathan Douse from ESNEFT. This month's event will also include Prescribing session, PCN Clinical Directors meeting, Primary Care Nurse Forum, Care Navigators Forum and Pharmacist Network. We have also put aside approximately 1 -2 hours to enable practices to meet in your PCN and/or INT groupings from 4.30pm. Programme of Events</p> <p>In order to allow more staff to attend, Out of Hours cover will be available (1300-1830). Practices that take the OOH are expected to attend. Practices that do not take OOH cover will be expected to remain open.</p> <p>If your practice does requires cover, please inform Shelley Hart by close of play on Tuesday 30 June. Thank you.</p>
<p>Ambulance request protocols</p>	<p>Please see <i>attached</i> by way of a gentle and respectful reminder a leaflet providing guidance from EEAST around ambulance request protocols. You should always call your local request line rather than '999' to ensure that you speak to the right person at the trust. We would be very grateful if you could circulate this internally to your practice colleagues.</p> <p>Helpful guide for HCPs</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> <p>Ed Garratt Update 17 June</p>

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

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