

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!

<p>Covid-19 Infection prevention and control</p>	<p>Please see link below to a document detailing infection prevention and control (IPC) Covid-19 training resources for healthcare settings.</p> <p>COVID-19 Resources for healthcare settings</p>
<p>Home, But Not Alone – Service Resumption</p>	<p>The Home, But Not Alone phonenumber, which supports vulnerable people in our communities who may be struggling with the impact of Coronavirus, is now live again.</p> <p>The service was paused in August because of low call demand and the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions. However, in light of the new national lockdown, the service is now up and running again.</p> <p>The telephone number is freephone 0800 876 6926 and will be staffed from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday.</p> <p>This phonenumber was vital during the first lockdown and it is only right that the same support is on offer as we head into the next wave of lockdown. It helped thousands of people, who often didn't have a network of family or friends to call upon, access emergency support such as food and medicine deliveries and befriending schemes.</p> <p>The Home, But Not Alone phonenumber compliments The Suffolk Advice and Support Service phonenumber (0800 068 3131) which helps those with debt, benefits employment or housing worries.</p>
<p>2WW Colorectal Pathway Referrals</p>	<p>Information was issued recently regarding the nationally mandated requirement for a FIT test as part of the pre-referral investigation in the 2WW colorectal pathway. ESNEFT have confirmed that there has been a significant improvement in this so thank you for your support. However, there are referrals that are still being sent through without an up-to-date blood result which is preventing patients being booked for their STT endoscopy. As these results are to ensure the patient is safe to take the bowel prep, could you please ensure this information is included in all colorectal referrals.</p>
<p>Local Welfare Assistance Scheme (LWAS)</p>	<p>The Local Welfare Assistance Scheme (LWAS) remains open for referrals and will continue to be available into 2021 thanks to an injection of funding from Suffolk Public Sector Leaders.</p> <p>An update re: financial and budgeting support provision – as a gateway partner you are required to refer applicants for this when making an application to the LWAS. This can be a referral to the Suffolk Advice and Support Service (0800 068 3131). You do not have to make the referral into the service yourself, but you must signpost the applicant to this service. The updated LWAS guidance which reflects this signposting can be accessed here.</p>

	Click on the following link for the online LWAS application form .
NHS Library and Knowledge Services	NHS Library and Knowledge Services (LKS) recently presented a report to the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Libraries that clearly identified the true value of an embedded library and specialist knowledge services within the NHS. Please see the file below for more details of how it can assist in primary care settings. NHS Library and Knowledge Services
Primary Care Nurse Forum 12/11/20	The next Primary Care Nurse Forum takes place via MS Teams on Thursday 12 th November. We welcome any member of your practice team to attend this month's forum. Topics this month are "Learning Disabilities - My Annual Health Check Saved My Life" and the "Impact of Covid on our smoking cessation services". Please click here for the full agenda and meeting log in.
New East Anglia Dermatology Club	This month sees the launch of a new Dermatology Education Club. Open to any GPs, Nurses or Registrars with a particular interest in dermatology, the club will host its maiden monthly meeting on 18 th November, via MS Teams, starting at 7pm and lasting for approx. 1 hour. The subject will be Actinic Keratosis and is led by Dermatology Consultant Dr Nevianna Bordet from the Cambridge Spire Lea hospital. For more details and information on how to join, please click here .
Gynaecology seminar	Please find below an invite for the lunchtime GP seminar being run by ESNEFT to discuss the two-week wait cancer pathway for Gynaecology Oncology on November 17. Gynaecology seminar
Cancer Education Session	Thank you to those who joined the recent education session on <i>Cancer as a Long-Term Condition</i> . We hope you found it useful. We would love to hear your feedback, so please click here to complete a short survey to share your thoughts with us. Doing so will support us in delivering future education sessions and inform us on future content. If you missed the session you can view it here or you can access the Power Point slides . If you have any questions regarding the content of the education session, please don't hesitate to get in touch via kelly.worger@suffolk.nhs.uk . Please also click here for a Certificate of Participation.
Retirement Options	The GP Fed are running a short Zoom workshop on 24/11/20 at 7pm highlighting different options if you are thinking of taking your pension or want to do something different. All the speakers are local and it should be an interesting informal evening. Please email info@thegphub.org.uk if you are interested in attending so numbers can be finalised

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

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