

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>Shielding patients</p>	<p>For the latest guidance please visit the sources contained in the attached documents for clinicians and for people who are shielding.</p> <p>Sources of information for people who are shielding FAQs for patients</p> <p>Sources of information on shielding Clinician FAQs</p>
<p>NHS England - SOP</p>	<p>Guidance and standard operating procedures for General practice in the context of coronavirus</p> <p>COVID-19 Primary Care SOP GP practice V3 29 May 2020</p>
<p>Antibody test kits for home use:</p>	<p>Some UK providers such as high street pharmacies and private healthcare providers offer COVID-19 antibody testing for members of the public. The test involves taking a finger prick blood sample. The laboratory tests are CE marked and safe for use on blood drawn from the vein by a healthcare professional, but have not yet been validated by the manufacturer of the test to be used with a finger prick blood sample. It is very important for people at home to be able to understand the reliability of the result and what it means for them. A positive result may not mean a person is immune or if they demonstrate immunity now, or how long this will last. The Government strongly advises members of the public or organisations who have purchased these tests and received antibody results to continue to follow the Government's advice whatever the result of the test. The Government is contacting providers of the antibody testing services and the laboratories running these tests to ask them to temporarily stop offering these tests for sale until the regulatory and safety concerns have been resolved.</p>
<p>Safeguarding – Save the dates</p>	<p>NHS Safeguarding are delighted to invite you to the following events spanning a safeguarding life course. Anyone can join so feel free to share this amongst your colleagues, these hours will contribute to any level 3 ICD.</p> <p>Safeguarding Fabulous Fortnight</p>

Guidance for video consultations	This guidance is aimed at NHS general practice staff who are consulting via video with patients at home Principles of safe video consulting in general practice updated 29 May
The Principle Study	Please see <i>attached</i> information from Helen Jung, Lead Primary Care and Community Manager for the National Institute for Health Research , regarding the Principle Study. The study, run by the University of Oxford, is funded by the UK Government to find treatments that reduce hospital admission and speed recovery for people in the community with symptoms of COVID-19. Also <i>attached</i> are a poster for display at your surgeries and some text for use on your websites. PRINCIPLE Study PRINCIPLE Patient Recruitment Poster PRINCIPLE Website Advert (download)
Social Prescribing	Please find attached newsletter relating to Social Prescribing and the Covid-19 response and recovery. Social Prescribing: the New Ventilators and Vaccines
CCG stakeholder update	Please click here to see the latest video 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.

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

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