

# 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><b>Your patients and your primary care need you!</b> 👉</p>	<p><b>LAST CHANCE!</b></p> <p>Suffolk GP leaders from the <b>LMC, CCGs, PCNs and Suffolk GP Federation</b> recently met to discuss how general practice can best bank the gains made during the pandemic and dispense with what hasn't been working. Now they want to hear from you as to what more could be done to support better ways of working with our patients, colleagues, practices and our wider healthcare system. We would be extremely grateful if you could spare a few minutes to <a href="#">complete a short survey</a> to help inform our discussions.</p> <p>Hearing from you will help us all, so please participate and encourage those you work with to do so too. All your ideas are welcome and your answers will be kept confidential and not attributable to your practice. The data will be analysed by <b>Eastern AHSN</b> and will inform a report that we will share with you.</p>
<p><b>ESNEFT</b></p>	<p>We would like to politely remind practices that when making referrals to ESNEFT please ensure that any questions relating to ethnicity, disability or carer dependency are completed. It is particularly important these questions are answered in relation to ethnicity as they will help in managing the increased risk posed by COVID-19 to members of BAME communities.</p>
<p><b>NHS Guidance updates</b></p>	<p><b>Updated guidance to reflect the latest social distancing measures</b> <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing</a></p> <p><b>Guidance on coronavirus testing, including who is eligible for a test and how to get tested.</b> <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested</a></p>
<p><b>ESNEFT maternity update</b></p>	<p>From June 6, adults from the same household can attend 12 and 20-week scans with pregnant women at <b>Ipswich, Colchester and Clacton hospitals</b>. Limited visiting has also been reintroduced on maternity wards. For now, some restrictions remain in place to protect our staff, patients and their babies. This includes the existing rules around only one birthing partner being able to accompany a woman in labour.</p>
<p><b>SOP</b></p>	<p><b>Standard operating procedure for children and young people with palliative and end of life care needs who are cared for in a community setting (home and hospice) during the COVID-19 pandemic.</b> <a href="#">This publication</a> is intended to support staff who are providing care or supporting children and young people (and their families) who have</p>

	palliative and/or end of life care needs in the community (including home and hospice care).
<b>Translated information re wearing face coverings</b>	We have had information regarding wearing face coverings translated into 11 languages. These are available for your information on the SCC Covid-19 translated information page: <a href="https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/about/web-accessibility/interpreting-and-translating-services/covid-19-information-in-other-languages/">https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/about/web-accessibility/interpreting-and-translating-services/covid-19-information-in-other-languages/</a>
<b>ESNEFT Medical Day Unit &amp; AMSDEC service:</b>	Please see <a href="#">attached</a> an MDU & AMSDEC referral leaflet produced by <b>ESNEFT</b> to encourage patient use of the pathway rather than the Emergency Department
<b>Cervical screening survey</b>	As cervical screening services start to restore to pre-pandemic levels, we have been working with <b>Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust</b> to understand the work being undertaken by service providers, as well as any concerns and challenges faced. Jo's has developed a short survey for sample takers and providers of cervical screening. The findings will inform the production of information to support providers and their patients. Please share <a href="#">this survey</a> with your colleagues and through your networks to help the survey get as many responses as possible.
<b>CCG stakeholder update</b>	Please see <a href="#">attached</a> 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.

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

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