

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>Testing of Professionals Visiting Care Homes</p>	<p>Please click here for guidance about testing of professionals visiting care homes, which was originally sent out as an email from NHSE/I on Friday 12th March.</p>
<p>Clinical Workstream Updates – 12/03/21</p>	<p>Clinical Workstream Updates issued on 12th March 2021 are available here. The contents list is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Post Vaccination Axillary Lymphadenopathy and Mammography 2. Vaccinating people with learning disabilities who are unable to wear a mask 3. Social distancing in all vaccination services 4. Infection Prevention Control Assurance checklist 5. Update on the use and provision of Steret alcohol wipes 6. Consent within the vaccination process 7. Position statement: vaccinating people registered with a GP in Wales in COVID-19 vaccination sites in England 8. Sharing innovations
<p>Covid-19 SMS funding</p>	<p>Following feedback that the original timescale didn't give enough time to spend the funding or to complete the claims process, the time available for PCNs to claim funding to support the costs of sending additional SMS messages has been extended until June30 from the original date of March 31. SMS costs incurred by PCNs between April and June 2021 can also be claimed against this funding, as well as SMS costs prior to April. The total funding available is £4.28m - made up of £2m agreed to support the costs of SMS messages used to communicate with patients about Covid-19 vaccination appointments, and a further £2.28m available to support the increased costs of messaging arising from the increased flu vaccination cohort and the broader Covid-19 vaccination response. Guidance on the process for claiming these costs is available here (see Section 14 for SMS funding information). This has not yet been updated to reflect the time extension but will be soon. Any queries about payments not covered by the guidance can be sent to england.pccovidvaccine@nhs.net. Further guidance on SMS messaging can be found here.</p>
<p>Extra Shifts at Vaccination Centres</p>	<p>Registered healthcare professionals in primary care networks are being offered extra shifts in local COVID-19 large vaccination centres.</p> <p>EPUT, who is leading the vaccination programme across Essex and Suffolk, is offering registered healthcare professionals (bands 5 and 6) the extra shifts across its vaccination centres – with an urgent need for support in Haverhill, Mildenhall and Clacton.</p> <p>The roles at the vaccination centres are very similar to the vaccination roles within primary care networks. This is an exciting opportunity for you to use your skills to support the vaccination centres and help save more lives.</p> <p>Staff would work the additional shifts alongside their usual role. Payment for the additional shifts is made via your usual pay.</p> <p>If you're interested please email epunft.recruitment.covid-19@nhs.net</p> <p>For more details about the local vaccination programme visit: https://eput.nhs.uk/news-events/coronavirus/coronavirus-vaccine/</p>

	An outline of the workforce model in the Vaccination Centres can be found here .
Discharge Medicines Service	The Discharge Medicines Service (DMS) became a new ‘essential service’ for all community pharmacies from February 15. NHS trusts will now be able to refer patients who would benefit from extra guidance around new prescribed medicines for provision of the DMS at their community pharmacy. The service has been identified by NHSE/I’s Medicines Safety Improvement Programme as a significant contributor to the safety of patients at transitions of care by reducing readmissions to hospital. Please refer to this fact sheet .
Imaging at Ipswich Hospital	The medical imaging department at Ipswich Hospital has resolved the previous issues with its chu-ftr.xrayappointments@nhs.net account. There is no longer any need to copy Karen Golding or Caroline Pollard into your radiology referrals.
Phlebotomy at West Suffolk Hospital	After consultation with WSCCG, the West Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust we will implement booked appointments only (i.e. no ‘walk-in’) for blood tests with effect from Tuesday 6th April . Further details are available in this document .
FreeStyle Libre 2 ®	<p>FreeStyle Libre 2 ® was added to the NHS Drug Tariff in November 2020. The Diabetes Clinic in Ipswich Hospital will be managing appropriate switches and identifying suitable new patients. In order to manage the workload and product supply, FreeStyle Libre 2 ® will only be offered to those patients who meet the NHS England eligibility criteria and are suitable for the device at their next routine appointment with the diabetes team. NHS England have directed patients to wait for their next appointment to enquire about the FreeStyle Libre 2 ® system. Please notify any patients enquiring about the FreeStyle Libre 2 ® device of the NHS England position.</p> <p>To support prescribers please note the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FreeStyle Libre 2 ® is NOT interchangeable with the original FreeStyle Libre® reader device; exercise care when selecting the correct item. • FreeStyle Libre 2 ® has the same functionality but a system update has been available to make the results more accurate and it also has the option of real-time alarm that notifies the user if their glucose levels are too low or too high. • The reader device for either system is not prescribable on an NHS prescription (FP10) and therefore this is only provided by either the diabetes clinic or Abbott. • GPs will be asked to continue the prescribing of FreeStyle Libre 2 ® in line with the current process for FreeStyle Libre ®. The Diabetes Clinic for Ipswich Hospital have set up a “tasking system” on SystmOne to support the switch where appropriate. • Patients will be asked to complete their current stock of sensors before moving over to the FreeStyle Libre 2 ® system to avoid any waste.
Dementia Helpsheets	The Alzheimer’s Society have put together some one page Dementia Helpsheets covering topics such as symptoms, treatments and support for carers and people living with dementia.
Alcohol Wipes	Following the announcement that Abbott will be removing alcohol wipes from its Flash Libre sensor kits, patients should be advised to purchase these from their local community pharmacy as per the information here . The swabs are freely available at minimal cost and should not be prescribed.
Compassionate Communities	<p>We are delighted to be sharing with you a film about Compassionate Communities, and in particular, the role of Compassionate Companions. The film can be viewed at the Compassionate Companions website.</p> <p>Companions volunteer and are trained within the community and work alongside medical teams to empower people with life limiting conditions to live fully before they die and to know the choices they have before they reach end of life.</p>

	<p>This is part of a Pilot Project run by Peninsula Practice with plans to develop and widen the training.</p> <p>Please feel free to share with anyone, the target audience is everyone, and particularly those who might be inspired to be compassionate companion, or those who might be in need of one.</p> <p>For more information, please contact Lindsey Crockett, or take a look at the website.</p>
Online Dementia Events - 30/31 Mar 2021	<p>The Alzheimer's Society and Dementia UK have arranged 2 days of online dementia support, advice and education on 30th and 31st March. These sessions will be packed with useful advice and practical tips, and attendees will also have the opportunity to put questions to the carefully selected experts and specialists. Professionals will receive confirmation of attendance and can use this as part of their CPD.</p> <p>You can download the full programme of events here and access full details of the events, including a link to register, here.</p>
Wellbeing Suffolk Community Network Meetings	<p>Please find attached the revised and updated flyer for a series of Community Network Meetings running throughout the year. Wider geographical areas are included which will create the opportunity to network with more people and organisations. Dates, timings and an overview are included in the flyer.</p> <p>For any further details or to book a place on any or all of the meetings don't hesitate to get in touch.</p>
March 2021 Safeguarding Bulletin	Please click here for the latest bulletin from the CCG's Safeguarding Team.
One Team Monthly Newsletter	The latest regular newsletter for Integrated Neighbourhood Teams across Ipswich and East Suffolk can be accessed here .
ESNEFT Staff Newsletter	You can view the latest edition of ESNEFT's staff newsletter here .
Supporting Primary Care Network Staff	<p>The NHS East of England Leadership Academy invites you to join the Leadership & Lifelong Learning Primary Care Team at its upcoming 'Supporting Primary Care Network Staff in the East of England' free events, hosted by Debbie Sorokin, National Director for Systems Leadership. The sessions take place on Wednesday 24 March from 1.30pm to 3pm, and Wednesday 14 April from 9.30am to 11am. If you would like to attend one of these events, please sign up via their website via one of the links here - 24 March, 14 April. The events will focus on the new landscape for primary care, challenges that staff may be facing, the role of training hubs and new roles in PCNs such as physician associates, AHPs & social prescribing. There are limited places available and they will be given on a first come first served basis. If you believe any of your colleagues within the health and social care system may benefit from this workshop, feel free to share the information in this email with them. If you have any queries please email eoel@leadershipacademy.nhs.uk.</p>
GP Study – High Occupational Stress	Please click here for details of a study being run by the Department of Psychology at King's College, London, aimed at identifying key mechanisms that contribute to individual differences in response to high occupational stress in GPs.
Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing Education Evening - 24/03/21	<p>Domestic Violence and the effects on mental health</p> <p>Wednesday 24 March, 7pm on MS Teams</p> <p>This evening education session will offer a look at domestic violence and the effects on mental health, which has been particularly highlighted during the covid-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Our keynote speakers are Natalie McCarthy, Domestic Abuse Team Supervisor, Suffolk Police and Katherine Ahluwalia, Training Coordinator, Lighthouse Women's Aid.</p> <p>In addition, Diane Palmer, Trauma Informed Care lead with NSFT will be talking about the new NHS England funded Staff COVID Support service in Norfolk and Suffolk. Who it is for, how to access, and what it offers, with a specific focus on Trauma, PTSD and moral injury.</p>

Attendance at this session can also be counted towards your safeguarding training required hours for primary care clinicians

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

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