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| **Welcome from CCG Chair** |

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| **Welcome to this week’s edition of Practice News** Welcome to the newsletter in a week that sees the system under significant pressure in community, Primary Care and through to Secondary and mental health services. We all continue to work hard and work together on reducing the causes, forging solutions and serving patients, but if you get a well earned break this weekend do come along to the charity “Consultants vs GPs” cricket match on the Warwick Uni fields on Sunday 11-3pm.Again, an ask that if you have ideas or innovations that could support the system, especially general practice, please do speak with me, your CCG Place GP or PCN lead or LMC rep as we can still access the Accelerator project and turn some of these into reality.This week, among all the useful attachments please see the offer of training on capacity/demand, nurse development opportunity and the new “back to school” GP education timetable that is attached - thanks to the CCG GP Education team across the system who lead on this.  |

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| Latest information for practices**Coventry and Warwickshire Pathology Services (CWPS) Notification of Change to Haematology Full Blood Count and Reticulocyte Reporting**As part of the implementation of new full blood count analysers in CWPS laboratories, the parameters used to assist the Renal team in assessing iron stores in their patients will be updated from **Thursday 26th August**and will then include %hypo and CHr. These parameters are not useful in assessing anaemia in non-renal patients. Whilst the new parameters are embedded, all full blood counts will be reported with an additional comment to support their interpretation by the Renal team: “CHr results and %hypo do not predict iron status in patients with thalassaemia traits, or in samples processed >6 hours”. **This comment and these parameters can be disregarded in other settings.****C1372 - Vaccinations for NHS staff entering care homes**Please see attached [Letter](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-F1RQ-3W4C1S-AZ8Q6-1/c.aspx) and [FAQs](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-F1RQ-3W4C1S-AZ8Q7-1/c.aspx) concerning the C1372 - Vaccinations for NHS staff entering care homes.**myGP Connect – end of contract**From 1st August, the service was restricted to the following features at no charge to your practice:* myGP App
* myGP Triage – show your locally commissioned triage solution within the myGP app and below myGP Connect features will be disabled.
* Automated appointment reminders
* Campaign messaging
* Video consultations

If your practice or PCN wishes to self-fund any of these features, please contact us directly and we will be happy provide a quotation for a wide array of flexible options so suit your needs, including pay-as-you-go: info@iplato.comIf your practice does not wish to remain connected with our free offering, please reply to Simerjit.kaur@iplato.com.**This is the next chapter, not goodbye**We expect to be able to add new functionality to our free tier offering over time. We are sorry not to be able to provide our full service as before, but we look forward to resuming full-service provision again at a future date, should the opportunity arise. In the meantime, we look forward to continuing to give your patients the best possible experience through the myGP app.Kind regards,The myGP Team   **Post Positive PCR Antibody Testing Initiative (PPPATI) - UK roll out**A UK-wide national antibody programme is being launched to support the UK Government and NHS to better understand vaccine effectiveness and immune response to COVID-19. The new antibody testing service roll out, known as the Post Positive PCR Antibody Testing Initiative (PPPATI), formally launched on **Tuesday 24 August 2021**.  For more information please see [letter](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-F1RQ-3W4C1S-AZ8Q8-1/c.aspx) attached from UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA).**BD Blood Tubes – update on European stock**We have been notified of a supply disruption in relation to Becton Dickinson (BD) on their Blood Specimen Collection Portfolio. Details of the products impacted and the demand management measures in place are included in the [Important Customer Notice](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-F1RQ-3W4C1S-AZ7JQ-1/c.aspx), issued by NHS Supply Chain. NHS England and NHS Improvement recently shared background information on this issue.NHS/E/I issued urgent [guidance on recommended actions](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-F1RQ-3W4C1S-AZ7JR-1/c.aspx) earlier this week. **This guidance must be shared with all clinical staff and acted on immediately**. This guidance applies to **all organisations** regardless of supplier to ensure equity of care as well as preserving alternative stocks to support mutual aid.    As part of the response to the BD blood tubes supply disruption, NHS Supply Chain has obtained some BD tubes which have previously been part of European stocks, but were manufactured in the UK. While these stocks will help, supply of the BD blood tubes will remain constrained.    These tubes are identical in every respect to the stock used in the UK and they are CE marked. However, the label is slightly different. The label on the European stock is blank, with no guidance on which Patient Identifiers to add onto label.    This stock is going into the supply chain from next week so your organisation may receive deliveries of these tubes. These should be used in the same way as the UK stock.    Please make your staff aware that some tubes being delivered may appear different but are identical in terms of use.  Please ensure your normal labelling guidance is reiterated to staff especially where manual tube labelling takes place.   If you or your teams have any questions about this please contact your pathology incident director in the first instance.**Self-Referrals****For the attention of Rugby General Practice Colleagues**SWFT Physiotherapy have noticed that there are an increasing number of self-referrals that are being made by patients where the actual practice is for the GP to make the referral.  The department have drawn together the [attached document](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-F1RQ-3W4C1S-AZ8Q9-1/c.aspx) to provide some guidance as to which conditions can definitely not be managed as a self-referral.This applies to South Warwickshire GPs and Rugby GPs only.**West Midlands Ambulance Service University Foundation Trust Letter**Please see [attached letter](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-F1RQ-3W4C1S-AZ8QA-1/c.aspx) for your consideration and review.  Dr Shah is keen for you to share the correspondence with your systems and colleagues.In the meantime if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Dr Shah on the details are below:Dr Pir Shah Bsc(hons) PhD MD MRCGPClinical Lead for Urgent and Emergency Care West Midlands RegionNHS England Regional Clinical Lead for Integrated Urgent & Emergency CareMobile: 07533 251455**Imaging results are not being sent to the Correct GPFor the attention of Warwickshire North General Practice Colleagues**Following a request from the LMC to the Imagine Services Team at GEH, concerning imaging results which are not being sent to the Correct GP, often sent to the senior partner of a practice. The imaging services team have agreed to make contact with local surgeries to obtain an up-to-date list of GPs with a Partners and salaried and long-term locums to ensure that the information returns to the correct GP. Please expect an email within the next two weeks, the team can then cleanse Soliton the system that they use and hopefully results will then go back to named GPs.**Removal of children and young people from the Shielded Patient List**Please see [attached](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-F1RQ-3W4C1S-AZ8QB-1/c.aspx) removal of children and young people from the Shielded Patient List letter. The reviews that trusts, paediatricians and GPs were asked by DHSC and the Deputy Chief Medical Officer (DCMO) to undertake last summer resulted in around 40,000 Children and Young People being removed from the Shielded Patient List.  Following an [evidence review](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-F1RQ-3W4C1S-AZ7JS-1/c.aspx) which found the COVID-19 risk for this cohort to be very low, UK Chief Medical Officers have accepted the recommendation from the UK Clinical Review Panel to remove all remaining Children and Young People from the Shielded Patient List. These individuals will receive a letter from Jenny Harries, former DCMO and current chief executive of the UK Health Security Agency, informing them of this decision between 25 and 26 August 2021.    For your information, a version of this DHSC letter is attached to this communication, and an FAQ document which answers the main questions that we anticipate from parents/guardians is available [here](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-F1RQ-3W4C1S-AZ7JT-1/c.aspx).No action is required of you at this time.**Consultant Connect – Updated Guidance on when to use UHCW Paediatrics A&FG Pilot**Please see the [attached](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-F1RQ-3W4C1S-AZ8QC-1/c.aspx) for guidance on when to call the UHCW Paediatrics team, via Consultant Connect, for Advice & Guidance.**Digital Medicine messages: Auto-filing flu vaccine code**In order to activate the auto-file feature, you will need to enable this in Organisation Configuration l[ink](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-F1RQ-3W4C1S-AZ7JU-1/c.aspx).If the option is not activated, all flu vaccine messages administered by pharmacies will create tasks in Workflow Manager, that will require manual filing to the patient record.Once activated, the flu vaccination notifications will be auto-filed on the patient's record from that point forward.   Training, events & surveys**Capacity & Delivery Session dates – 14 and 22 September**Two online regional Capacity and Delivery sessions have been arranged for general practice/PCN staff to be held on the 14th (5.00-6.30pm) and 22nd September (12.30-2.00pm) using MS Teams.  The sessions are 90 minutes each and are identical, so participants only need to attend on one of the dates. The sessions will help participants gain a practical understanding of demand and capacity and how this information can be used to better manage service provision and aid in designing more robust needs-based services at a practice and Primary Care Network level.  The sessions are open to all General Practice staff, PCN Clinical Directors and other PCN staff and will be provided by the Time for Care team.  [the attached flyer](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-F1RQ-3W4C1S-AZ8WD-1/c.aspx) provides additional information regarding the aims of the sessions, details of the presenters and a booking link.  To book a place on either of the sessions, please click the link:  [Demand and Capacity modular session I booking form](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-F1RQ-3W4C1S-AZ7JV-1/c.aspx). It is hoped that the sessions will help practices as they prepare for managing demand through winter and Phase 3 of the Covid vaccination programme.**GP Teaching: Autumn Term 2021**Dear Colleagues,Please find [attached](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-F1RQ-3W4C1S-AZ8WE-1/c.aspx) our Autumn education programme.   You will notice that it has been combined to allow all sessions to be open to all clinicians in the Coventry and Warwickshire area free of charge. For this term we will continue to provide education virtually, but we would be keen to hear opinions on this so please contact your Place Tutor / administrator with any thoughts on returning to F2F education.As previously links and registrations will be emailed out before each session so if you are not on the mailing list please contact your local administrator. **If you miss any sessions and want to rewatch then see**[**www.mededcoventry.com/General-practitioners**](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-F1RQ-3W4C1S-AZ7JW-1/c.aspx)**- under presentations use "covgp" for both login and password.**See you in September, Maria Ceurstemont**RCGP Learning Disability QI Module Webinar**The RCGP are hosting a webinar to support practices with the LD QOF QI module – please see [attached document](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-F1RQ-3W4C1S-AZ8WF-1/c.aspx) with further information.**Launch of national wellbeing conversation training programme (starting 1 September 2021)**We are pleased to confirm that as of 1 September 2021, we will be launching the national training programme that has been designed to support our NHS colleagues in having safe and effective wellbeing conversations, as set out in the NHS People Plan.     The programme is initially aimed at line managers (of any profession, banding or grade), peers and colleagues working across the NHS in roles which have caring responsibilities for staff - for example clinical and educational supervisors, team leaders, members of staff networks, health and wellbeing champions or Wellbeing Guardians.      The programme, which was co-designed with a number of NHS organisations and will be delivered by trained facilitators from Passe Partout, will support delegates to understand what a wellbeing conversation is, when it may be appropriate to initiate one and provide them with additional knowledge and skills to have safe and compassionate conversations about various aspects of wellbeing.  The programme will also advise how to safely signpost staff to additional support when needed, and offer an opportunity to practice a conversation in a safe, supportive and non-judgmental space of the session.   Training will be held via MS Teams in the first instance, and delegates will need to commit to attending the full session.  We are keen to encourage that colleagues are able to dedicate suitable time to this programme to emphasise the importance of supporting their own wellbeing, and that of each other.  All discussions in the group will remain confidential and no personal stories will be shared outside the training session.Please see [attached flyer.](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-F1RQ-3W4C1S-AZ97W-1/c.aspx) To read more about this programme and to view available dates, [click here.](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-F1RQ-3W4C1S-AZ7JX-1/c.aspx)   **Fully Funded - GPN CARE programme ONLY 25 places*** Are you a General Practice Nurse?
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