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| **Welcome from CCG Chair** |

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| **Welcome to this week’s edition of Practice News**Hello again to the weekly newsletter.In a week that has seen many announcements around the Covid vaccine, thank you for your responsiveness. Do look at the attachment with some patient communication about boosters that may help. Also of interest this week is the pharmacies stocking anti-virals (influenza), Women’s Mental Health Programme in Warwickshire and the asylum seeker training. At clinical forum (do ask your local reps) we had a robust discussion about Clinical Leadership in the ICS and I have been meeting with leads of other local systems to hear their plans and share best practice. We will be back out to the Warwickshire Places to build on the initial conversations we have had and show how the thinking has developed and Deepika is organising a members meeting in Coventry (hopefully via the PLT in October but watch this space). On ICS, we will be informed of our new Chair in the next few days (we may know by the time you get this) and we can then listen to and influence their ideas about Place, clinical leadership and Inequalities within the system. If you are interested in leadership/clinical roles in the ICS do let me know as we are collating an “Expressions of Interest” list and will make sure that as well as the usual advert channels open to all, those on the list will get alerted/signposted to any new opportunities. Congratulations to all the GP Fellows who have completed their year, it was inspiring and exciting to see what you have achieved and the potential that was in the virtual room as you shared your presentations this week. All the best to the new cohort!  Congratulations also to Hannah Willetts who is our new CCG Director of Primary Care, a really welcome addition to our team. |

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| If you'd like to have Practice News and other relevant CCG updates sent to you directly, please email communications@coventryrugbyccg.nhs.uk. |

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| Latest information for practices**Phase 3 Boosters Suggested Wording**Please see below suggested wording for practice websites/phones around Phase 3 BoostersWe have heard patients are receiving texts re boosters via NBS and this is generating lots of queries.We will get this uploaded on centrally provided websites – if you prefer you can remove the word ‘also ‘*You may have received a text from the NHS national booking service to book your Covid-19 booster vaccination.**Please be assured your local vaccination team will also be providing this service and will be in touch very soon so there is no need to contact your GP practice.**And don’t forget your booster will only be given six months after your second dose.**We look forwards to seeing you soon at your local vaccination centre.***NEW, FREE, women’s mental health project - Warwick and Nuneaton**We’re about to launch new weekly WOMENtalk sessions in Warwick and Nuneaton and hoped you could help us by spreading the word either through your network of professional contacts or by telling potential service users about this unique project which targets women with mental health problems. Sky Blues in the Community’s mental health team will start to deliver weekly sessions of WOMENtalk at:**St Nicholas Park Leisure Centre in Warwick (CV34 4QY) starting on Wednesday 6th October from 11am till 12.30pm andJubilee Sports Centre in Nuneaton (CV10 7EZ) starting on Friday 8th October from 12 noon till 1.30pm.**Each session is led by our Mental Health Officer with support from SBitC’s professional sports coaches. WOMENtalk is co-produced ensuring beneficiaries choose activities and discussions.Course content varies based on selected modules but ice-breaking and get to know you activities help women feel welcomed and part of the group. Beneficiaries participate in a range of sports and physical activities, which could include warm-ups, stretching, group exercises, team games, netball, badminton, cricket (and many other sports), yoga, Pilates, Zumba and creative activities.We offer a menu of workshops related to mental health such as anxiety and stress management, feeling low, self-compassion, mindfulness, sleep hygiene, healthy eating, substance misuse and smoking cessation, among others.We place an important emphasis on socialising and will ensure all beneficiaries are able to make friends and become more socially included after the challenges brought to our communities by the pandemic.Please share these three attachments:[Attachment 1](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-FIQJ-3W4C1S-BCLYK-1/c.aspx)[Attachment 2](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-FIQJ-3W4C1S-BCLYL-1/c.aspx)[Attachment 3](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-FIQJ-3W4C1S-BCLYM-1/c.aspx)with your networks and if you know any women who would benefit from this kind of mental health project, please contact Jack Clemons, our Mental Health Officer. **We accept referrals through professionals and women can self-refer at any time**. We just need your help to ensure potential beneficiaries hear about this new opportunity. Jack’s details are: Email – Jack.Clemons@sbitc.org.uk Call - 07494 734 264**New Antiviral Storage Pharmacy service**A new Antiviral Storage Pharmacy service has been commissioned by the CCG for the next three years. Two WN Pharmacies (Atherstone In Practice Pharmacy, Pharmacy Republic Nuneaton) and one in Rugby (Paddox Pharmacy) - see [attachment.](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-FIQJ-3W4C1S-BCLYN-1/c.aspx)The service exists within the Coventry & Warwickshire area for antiviral supply outside of the main influenza season where general practitioners are unable to prescribe antiviral medication on an FP10 prescription. In previous years, there have been between 5 and 10 care home flu outbreaks per year (with 20-30 outbreaks experienced in one particularly bad season in recent years). Timely access to antivirals for promptly managing care home outbreaks and avoiding preventable hospital admissions has been raised as a risk for Coventry and Warwickshire in recent times. **Training Opportunity - Key Health Needs and Complexities of Asylum Seekers**A training opportunity re Asylum Seeker Health is being offered by South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust, the title of the session is: Key Health Needs and Complexities of Asylum Seekers.Date: **12th October 2021**Time:  **12:00noon - 14:00hours**The link to Microsoft Teams to access the session is below.Microsoft Teams meeting**Join on your computer or mobile app**[Click here to join the meeting](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-FIQJ-3W4C1S-BCJ9C-1/c.aspx) [Learn More](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-FIQJ-3W4C1S-BCLYO-1/c.aspx) | [Meeting options](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-FIQJ-3W4C1S-BCLYP-1/c.aspx)**Letter providing guidance on Rotavirus vaccination - Midlands**On behalf of the NHS England and NHS Improvement – Midlands team, please see the attached [letter](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-FIQJ-3W4C1S-BCLY7-1/c.aspx) on guidance on Rotavirus vaccination at 8 weeks of age in relation to the forthcoming evaluation of the introduction of newborn screening for Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID).**Extension of temporary changes to GP Contract under the pandemic regulations**Please see link to [National Workforce Reporting Service](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-FIQJ-3W4C1S-BCLY8-1/c.aspx) (NWRS) information. This is a reminder that the next Workforce Data Extraction for both PCNs and Practices is 30th September 2021.  All information including how to access the new NWRS which was launched in July 2021 is available via the link.**CWPS Blood Bottles Update**Thank you to practices for reducing their pathology requesting through September in response to the national issue with blood tube supply. The [NHSE guidance](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-FIQJ-3W4C1S-BCLY9-1/c.aspx) from 16 September has advised that the situation has improved but is not completely resolved; and states 'in primary care normal activity can commence, where stocks allow, from 17th September'; NHSE have also provided [guidance for primary care](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-FIQJ-3W4C1S-BCLYA-1/c.aspx) on optimisation and appropriate blood test requesting. Locally, the volumes of tubes that can be ordered to replenish CWPS supplies are still being controlled at a national level, so the restocking of tubes to normal levels for supply to practices across Coventry and Warwickshire may take some weeks. Please can practices order little and often rather than bulk orders. This will smooth demand for tubes until we are all back up to normal stock levels. Thanks for your continued support in managing consumables. If you have any queries please contact QE Facilities **ghnt.qefstockcwps@nhs.net** or 024 7661 9174Phlebotomy clinics are now available for patients to book appointments directly through SwiftQueue. The suspension of this function for the first half of September, means that the wait times in some clinics for an appointment are currently 2+ weeks, whilst we work through the pent up demand. CWPS will add in additional appointments where capacity allows and expect these wait times to reduce as we move further away from the period of suspension.  There is the ability for practices to book into urgent appointments on the same day or the next day, at UHCW and Rugby St Cross. Please Note, in Warwickshire North the GP Urgent Clinic has moved to Bulkington Community Centre. Urgent appointments can be booked through SwiftQueue by practices and this provision will remain in place. **Pharmacy Technician Workforce Expansion Programme 2021/22: Guidance for Employers and System Leads**Please see the following link: [Report template (hee.nhs.uk)](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-FIQJ-3W4C1S-BCLYB-1/c.aspx) - HEE are looking for community pharmacies or partnerships\* that will deliver a work-based training programme for PTPTs that meet the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC) Initial Education and Training (IET) Standards for pharmacy technicians. The knowledge component of PTPT training will be delivered by an education provider ideally through the apprenticeship route.\*Ideally, for partnership, we would like to inclusion of general practice and primary care networks to continue workforce growth in this sector. Partnerships must include a minimum of two healthcare settings, at least one of which must be responsible for delivery of day-to-day patient facing pharmacy services in a community or hospital pharmacy. Application will be via expressions of interest opening on 23rd August and closing on 26 September 2021.**FOR INFO: BD Blood Tubes update letter**On behalf of the NHS England and NHS Improvement – Midlands team, please see the attached [letter](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-FIQJ-3W4C1S-BCLYC-1/c.aspx) on the Becton Dickinson supply disruption as well as updated best practice [guidance](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-FIQJ-3W4C1S-BCLYD-1/c.aspx) for primary and secondary care. This has been sent to all Trust and CCG ICCs and Pathology Incident Directors on behalf of National SPOC.**Self-Isolation Clarification**On behalf of the NHS England and NHS Improvement – Midlands team, please see the [attached](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-FIQJ-3W4C1S-BCLYE-1/c.aspx)letter on Guidance around self-isolation and healthcare. Following this publication we have been advised that the link in the attachment sent out this morning is not live, please use the link: [**Healthcare Worker Exemptions (smartsurvey.co.uk)**](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-FIQJ-3W4C1S-BCLYF-1/c.aspx)**X-Ray Delays**Please see attached an [update](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-FIQJ-3W4C1S-BCLYG-1/c.aspx) regarding the current delays in plain film reporting at UHCW.           **Pension arrears to be ​collected in SeptemberOn behalf of the PCSE Pensions Team**We have resolved an issue affecting a small number of GP practices where pension contributions have not been deducted from the practice payment since Tuesday 1 June 2021.Contributions will be deducted in September and this will cover arrears and normal monthly pension contributions.Please note that these have been uploaded into Oracle, separate to the contractual payments and therefore may sit as credits in the ledger until there is enough funds to clear these down off further payments to the practices.We have contacted the GP practices impacted by this today. To read this communication please click [**here**](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-FIQJ-3W4C1S-BCLYH-1/c.aspx).We’re sorry for any problems this issue may have caused.   **Workforce Data Extraction for PCNs and Practices**Please see link to [National Workforce Reporting Service](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-FIQJ-3W4C1S-BCLY8-1/c.aspx) (NWRS) information. This is a reminder that the next Workforce Data Extraction for both PCNs and Practices is 30th September 2021.  All information is including how to access the new NWRS which was launched in July 2021 is included.**Coventry and Warwickshire CCG Non-Obstetric Ultrasound Service**Physiological Measurement Ltd (PML) were awarded a three-year contract to provide the community NOUS previously provided by Holbrooks Health Centre. PML are an award-winning provider of Community Diagnostics who successfully run NHS services for more than 30 CCGs across the country.The service started on 26th March 2021 and runs out of The Cheylesmore Surgery, Oasis Health Centre, 51 Quinton Park, Coventry, CV3 5PZ.  Monday to Friday 08:00 to 18:30. For more information visit the GP Gateway:[Ultrasound (Non Obstetric Ultrasound Service) – GP Gateway (coventryrugbygpgateway.nhs.uk)](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-FIQJ-3W4C1S-BCLYI-1/c.aspx)**Using this community service would reduce the strain in the Acute hospital****Clinical Letter End of Shielding**On behalf of the NHS England and NHS Improvement – Midlands team, please see the [attached letter](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-FIQJ-3W4C1S-BCLYJ-1/c.aspx).   Training, events & surveys    **OxyShop training sessions**Following a decision made by the West Midlands Home Oxygen Service (WMHOS) Programme Board on Friday 11 June 2021, submission of Home Oxygen Order Forms (HOOFs) via email will no longer be permitted in the West Midlands. This will take effect from Friday 1st October 2021.HOOFs submitted to support West Midlands based NHS patients must now be submitted via the West Midlands online home oxygen ordering system – OxyShop. Any HOOFs submitted via email will be rejected and will not be actioned by the regional supplier, Baywater Healthcare Limited.New users who do not currently have an OxyShop user account, should visit [www.oxyshop.org](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-FIQJ-3W4C1S-BCLYQ-1/c.aspx) and ‘Create an Account’ or call the Oxyshop team on 0121 612 2806/1675.  Helpdesk hours: 8.30am – 4.00pm**Please see below Oxyshop training sessions, these sessions are being run via Microsoft Teams and are recommended for those who do not use Oxyshop regularly or have an Oxyshop account**.

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| **Wednesday 22 September 2021** | 14:00 | 14:45 | [**Click here to join the meeting**](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-FIQJ-3W4C1S-BCLYT-1/c.aspx) |
| **Tuesday 28 September 2021** | 10:00 | 10:45 | [**Click here to join the meeting**](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-FIQJ-3W4C1S-BCLYU-1/c.aspx) |
| **Thursday 30 September 2021** | 15:00 | 15:45 | [**Click here to join the meeting**](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-FIQJ-3W4C1S-BCLYR-1/c.aspx) |

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