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| **Welcome from CCG Chair** |

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| **Welcome to this week’s edition of Practice News**Health Inequalities are unfair and unacceptable differences in health access, treatments and outcomes. The NHS agenda and our local plan is framed round the “Core20PLUS5” approach: 20 is the focus on the 20 most deprived areas in our ICS area; PLUS refers to local additional populations that suffer health inequalities for example homeless or newly arrived people and 5 refers to the national 5 clinical areas to focus on (Maternity, SMI, Respiratory, Early Cancer Diagnosis and hypertension case finding). [NHS England » Core20PLUS5 – An approach to reducing health inequalities](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-GDVV-3W4C1S-C2HXK-1/c.aspx)Dr Sukhi Desi is the CCG Governing Body GP who is our Board Lead for Inequalities and I take a keen interest and Co-Chair the Coventry Marmot Partnership. We are determined to move the HI agenda from rhetoric to action. One area where we have moved a long way in primary care recently is reducing the access gap to care for people with learning disability by providing annual health checks – a huge thank you to you all for the efforts involved. We are focusing on those with Severe Mental Illness and the case for action is detailed below. Please do look and see if your practice wants to benefit from this excellent scheme (my practice have been using it as early adopters and host some of the excellent HCAs who deliver the service). I know some PCNs are well ahead on their approach to reduction of inequalities in their area and many of you are doing this naturally in each of your consulting rooms – thank you.    This week when I was out talking to some ladies in Willenhall we talked HI and I asked them how it felt to know that statistically they were likely to die 9-10 years earlier than “me” based on which part of Coventry we live in…a fascinating, humbling conversation and some great ideas from them to explore.**My highlights for this week's issue:*** Severe Mental Illness (SMI) Annual Health Checks (AHC) Update
* Severe Mental Illness annual health check service for Warwickshire North
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| Latest information for practices               **Updated PGD and National Protocol for inactivated influenza vaccine to include primary care contractors****On behalf of the screening and immunisation teams - Midlands**Attached are a [revised protocol](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-GDVV-3W4C1S-C2K13-1/c.aspx) and [PGD for inactivated influenza vaccination.](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-GDVV-3W4C1S-C2K14-1/c.aspx) These have been updated to include primary care contractors (primary medical services, pharmaceutical services, primary dental services or general ophthalmic services) and their frontline staff, including locums.               The PGD has received organisational authorisation by NHSEI and is already valid - it should now replace version 09.00.  Please adhere to the legal requirements for sign-off and document retention as described in the introductory pages of the documents.                If you have any questions about these documents please address them to the Screening and Immunisation Team, NHS England and NHS Improvement – Midlands, responsible for your area: england.wmid-imms@nhs.net   **The Safe Use Of Ultrasound Gel To Reduce Infection Risk**This alert contains urgent actions for healthcare providers (NHS and independent) of facilities providing ultrasound services and clinicians and practitioners using ultrasound gel in their practice to reduce risk to patients associated with the use of non-sterile ultrasound gel in healthcare settings. Please see attached [update](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-GDVV-3W4C1S-C2JDK-1/c.aspx).                  **Supply issue with Xylocaine® 1% and 2% (lidocaine) with adrenaline 100micrograms/20ml (1:200,000) solution for injection vials**Please find [attached](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-GDVV-3W4C1S-C2K15-1/c.aspx) a Tier 2 medicine supply notification for Xylocaine® 1% and 2% (lidocaine) with adrenaline 100micrograms/20ml (1:200,000) solution for injection vials.

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| **Medicine** | **Out of stock** | **Alternatives** |
| Xylocaine® 1% and 2% (lidocaine) with adrenaline 100micrograms/20ml (1:200,000) solution for injection vials |       Xylocaine® 1% with adrenaline is out of stock until late March 2022.       Xylocaine® 2% with adrenaline currently remains available but is likely to be out of stock by the end of December 2021. Resupply is expected mid-January 2022.                             |        Alternative licensed products containing bupivacaine and adrenaline remain available.       Where these are not suitable, unlicensed alternatives may be sourced.        See MSN for further details. |

                            DHSC and NHSE/I have now launched an online [Medicines Supply Tool](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-GDVV-3W4C1S-C2HXL-1/c.aspx%22%20%5Co%20%22https%3A//cwccg.net/5ECH-GDVV-3W4C1S-C2HXL-1/c.aspx), which provides up todate information about medicine supply issues. The contents of this MSN can now be viewed on the Tool. To access the Tool you will be required to register with the [SPS website](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-GDVV-3W4C1S-C2HXM-1/c.aspx%22%20%5Co%20%22https%3A//cwccg.net/5ECH-GDVV-3W4C1S-C2HXM-1/c.aspx).               There have also been changes to the resupply dates of the medicines listed below. These communications were previously circulated via the NHSE&I commissioning routes.               Please note, with reference to the MSNs detailed below for **Desmopressin Octim Nasal Sprayand** **DDAVP 100mcg/ml intranasal solution, resupply dates have been updated since last communicated on the 27th October 2021. Please see below for the correct information:**

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| **Original MSN/SDA reference** | **Date of original MSN/SDA** | **Supply issue** | **Resupply date originally communicated** | **Updated resupply date as of w/c****8th November 2021** |     |     |
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| MSN/2020/053 | 02/10/2020 | Desmopressin Octim Nasal Spray | Mid 2021 | Late 2023 |     |     |
| MSN/2020/055-U | 15/10/2020 | DDAVP 100mcg/ml intranasal solution | Discontinued | Discontinued |     |     |
| MSN/2021/039 | 27/07/2021 | Clexane (enoxaparin) pre-filled syringes | November 2021 | October 2022 |     |     |

              **Please be aware this communication is also being circulated separately to all community pharmacies in England**. Please note that for supply issues that have been categorised as tier 1 or 2, DHSC and the MSRG have requested that the NHSE&I commissioning routes are used to reach community pharmacy and GP practices. More serious supply issues are communicated via the Central Alerting System for action.                              If you have any queries please contact: DHSCmedicinesupplyteam@dhsc.gov.uk  **Young Persons Advice, Housing and Support Options (Warwickshire)**Please find attached [Young Persons Advice, Housing and Support Options (Warwickshire) reference sheet.](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-GDVV-3W4C1S-C2K29-1/c.aspx)             The reference sheet has been pulled together to aid the work of GP practices and others across the primary care sector in Warwickshire to appropriately refer young people (16 – 25) who are experiencing difficulties with either securing or maintaining their accommodation.  We would be grateful if the attached could be circulated within practice teams to ensure that those regularly interacting with this group, are informed as to the options available to them to access support.If there are any questions, queries, or changes required to the attached, please email nick.cadd@stratford-dc.gov.uk to request amendments.  **Severe Mental Illness (SMI) Annual Health Checks (AHC) Update**1)People with a severe mental illness (SMI) have poorer health outcomes compared to the national average:a.They die on average 15-20 years earlier than the general populationb.Have 3.7 times higher death rates c.The major cause of death is cardiovascular disease (CVD) which is largely preventable Consistently providing appropriate and timely physical health checks can help with improving their physical health; providing a holistic model that joins up physical and mental health is even more beneficial2)SMI AHC is made up of 12 indicators: 6 of these now reside within QoF:• MH002• MH003• MH006• MH008• MH009• MH0103)The CCG has commissioned the GP Alliance to undertake the SMI AHC on behalf of practices, as well as reviewing the SMI Registers. This offer is free-of-charge to Practices and Practices will receive the QOF-related points and any payments associated with the delivery of those checks. Please contact Sarah Knight, Clinical Lead for Health Inequalities, GP Alliance for more information (sarah.knight47@nhs.net)               **Severe Mental Illness annual health check service for Warwickshire North**This service has been up and running for nearly a year now and has had great success with over 50 practices in Coventry and Rugby signed up. This has allowed for the Coventry and Rugby GP Alliance to expand into Warwickshire North. [Click Here](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-GDVV-3W4C1S-C2JDL-1/c.aspx) for more information including what your practice needs to do.                  **ReSPECT Forms Distribution**Please find [attached](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-GDVV-3W4C1S-C2K2A-1/c.aspx) the latest version of the form that practices should be using. This is a reminder that depending on your area, forms can be collected (upon arrangement) from the following surgeries, who have kindly agreed to hold a stock: **Coventry-**Forrest Medical Centre**Rugby-**Westside Medical Practice**Warwickshire North-**Red Roofs Surgery  In addition, for the Warwickshire North area Mary Ann Evans Hospice are the provider for CCG funded ReSPECT forms for GP Practices in Warwickshire North. Each practice can request a supply by simply contacting the following email address: geh.maryannclinical@nhs.net or telephoning 02476 865465 and ask for Bernadette Evans. Mary Ann Hospice will then arrange to deliver the supply to the practice as soon as possible.   For any queries relating to the ReSPECT forms please email: cwccg.primarycare@nhs.net                  Training, events & surveys   **INVITATION - Safer Sleep is Everyone's Responsibility Webinar****On behalf of Elaine Coleridge-Smith, Independent Chair & Scrutineer, Warwickshire Safeguarding Partnership**Following on from the success of the first event, Warwickshire Safeguarding Partnership and Coventry Safeguarding Children Partnership are pleased to announce they will be holding another joint webinar focusing on safer sleep for babies and infants.The webinar will include learning from National and Local reviews, information from the Lullaby Trust on how to have opportunistic conversations and highlight practical resources to use with families including the launch of the Safer Sleeping Practitioner Guide. **Title:** **Safer Sleep is Everyone's Responsibility****Date: Tuesday 16th November 2021****Time:** **14:00 - 16:00 pm**The webinar is free of charge and open to **all** professionals who work with or will come into contact with parents and carers where a baby is due or is already living within the home. Further information regarding the webinar, including how to book your place, can be found on the [attached flyer](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-GDVV-3W4C1S-C2K2B-1/c.aspx).  **Consultant Connect Survey**In order to continue improving the service, we would be very grateful if you could provide some feedback by completing the following short survey (5 questions), even if you have yet to use the service. Please fill in the survey following this [link.](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-GDVV-3W4C1S-C2HXN-1/c.aspx) If you have any questions, please get in touch with Joanne joanne.hardway@consultantconnect.org.uk   **Survey - NHS Digital Weight Management Programme**Request to complete survey from final year student completing Executive MBA project at Nottingham Business School, and works for NHS England and Improvement in Midlands region as Regional Prevention Lead. The purpose of this research is to investigate and understand barriers and challenges around mobilisation and implementation of the NHS Digital Weight Management Programme (DWMP) in the Midlands region. Secondly, it would be valuable for the NHS Midlands to develop an innovative and inclusive strategy to improve DWMP referral uptake.                  **This survey is confidential and anonymous,** and your participation is voluntary and greatly appreciated.  The survey should take approximately **10-12 minutes**and will close on **21st November 2021**.  Please follow the [link](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-GDVV-3W4C1S-C2HXO-1/c.aspx) to complete the survey. It can be accessed on Mobile, iPad, Laptop, computer.   **Diabetes awareness event - 14 November**Please see the [attached](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-GDVV-3W4C1S-C2JNQ-1/c.aspx) flyer regarding a diabetes awareness event taking place in Coventry, it would be great if you could share this with your contacts/connections as the event is open to anyone who wishes to come along.         NHS Coventry and Warwickshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and the Lions Club of Coventry Godiva in partnership have organised a Diabetes and Health Awareness Event to support local communities. The event will be taking place on Sunday 14th November 2021, from 10.00 am until 3.00pm at the Ramgharia Gurdwara, 1103 Foleshill Road, Coventry, CV6 6EP.    To mark World Diabetes Day 2021 in Coventry, the NHS and the Lions Club aim to raise awareness of the impact that diabetes can cause, how to prevent getting the disease in the first place, how to access local services for support. The theme for World Diabetes Day 2021-23 is access to diabetes care. 100 years after the discovery of insulin, millions of people with diabetes around the world cannot access the care they need. People with diabetes require ongoing care and support to manage their condition and avoid complications. In Coventry, we want as many people as possible to know that support services are available to access.   Newsletters  **Latest Covid 19/ flu vaccination programme bulletin****On behalf of the regional Covid 19 and flu vaccination programme clinical leads**Attached is the [latest Covid 19/ flu vaccination programme bulletin](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-GDVV-3W4C1S-C2K47-1/c.aspx) for your information.  Please share widely within your practice team.  If you have any questions or comments about the content - or contributions for future issues - please contact the Bulletin team (details on the final page).Vacancies**Salaried GP**Please see [attached](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-GDVV-3W4C1S-C2K48-1/c.aspx) job advert for the position of Salaried GP at Broomfield Park Medical Centre.   **Mental Health Co-Ordinator role focusing on children**We’re currently recruiting for a new mental health role at Sky Blues in the Community as we expand this area of our work. This will be an integral role in our mental health team focussing on children’s mental health. View the details [here](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-GDVV-3W4C1S-C2JML-1/c.aspx). Please note the deadline for application submission is 6 December. |

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