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| **Welcome from CCG Chair** |

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| **Welcome to this week’s edition of Practice News**    After another rallying call and unfolding of announcements about boosters, second doses for children and a “this is your core business and main focus” this week we are all rather immersed again in the upturn in deploying the COVID vaccine. That and the concerns of staff absences and exhaustion as well as the needs of our patients makes a restful Christmas seem far off. Being part of this response, knowing we are preventing death and hospitalisation by vaccinating is wonderful but the novelty has rather waned since last Christmas and the vaccine launch when I remember being at the Coventry North PCN LVS and seeing the team from Springfield all donned in Christmas masks and overflowing with festive cheer. Not sure if you are wearing them this year…do send in any pics of festive vaccination scenes to spread some cheer!**My highlights for this week's issue:*** Relaunch of #NotTooMuchToMask
* Act now to become a visa sponsorship practice
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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**GP CPCS Drop-in Session Slide Deck**Please see [attached](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-H1EA-3W4C1S-CM8YB-1/c.aspx) for reference.**Act now to become a visa sponsorship practice**If you are recruiting new GPs next year, now is the time to start the process for visa sponsorship applications. The next cohort of ST3s will be ready to start work as GPs in February and this includes international medical graduates, who have spent three years training in England on the HEE programme with excellent language skills and knowledge about the NHS. Most of them will require visas to work in the NHS in England.Further information about applying for a visa sponsorship licence is available on the [GP Workforce Scheme Delivery Hub](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-H1EA-3W4C1S-CM8XT-1/c.aspx), including a step-by-step guide, FAQs and guidance on how any GPs you sponsor can apply for reimbursement of their visa fees.Gaining the right to be a UK visa sponsoring practice has many advantages and could form an important part of your general practice workforce planning.**Relaunch of #NotTooMuchToMask**On the one-year anniversary of the first coronavirus vaccine given in the UK, we have joined forces with leading healthcare organisations, charities, unions and medical professionals to relaunch our #NotTooMuchToMask campaign, which encourages and supports the public to  help stop coronavirus from spreading. Click [here](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-H1EA-3W4C1S-CM8XU-1/c.aspx) to read more.**New staff respect campaign launched**NHS England have launched a new campaign to help encourage respect for primary care staff. It includes materials which primary care members can download and use in their locations to encourage patients to show respect to staff. Click [here](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-H1EA-3W4C1S-CM8XV-1/c.aspx) to read more.**Vaccination, boosters and health advice – communications toolkit**Please see [attached](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-H1EA-3W4C1S-CM8YC-1/c.aspx) communications pack to support messaging on vaccinations and boosters. This pack contains information and messaging for practices to use and details of text for practice websites, social media and voicemails. **Recent PCSE Updates*** Any practices that have previously orderedLFT tests for their staff from PCSE, this is no longer possible- they need to request from the [government website.](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-H1EA-3W4C1S-CM8XW-1/c.aspx)
* GP Pensions- New guide and self-service guide available online [Managing pension contributions (adobe.com)](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-H1EA-3W4C1S-CM8XX-1/c.aspx)
* Please see this link to a new [guide](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-H1EA-3W4C1S-CM8XY-1/c.aspx) on registering patients.
* PCN Payments will be moving from CQRS to PCSE Online in 2022 - PCSE will be communicating changes to PCNs directly at the beginning of year as new roles will be needed to be set up in PCSE Online.
* Historic Open Exeter statements-these will be closed off in 2022 and access to them will finish. PCSE will communicate this directly.
* **Important Deadlines:**

- End Of Year Pensions Certificate 28/02/22- Practice Estimates of Pensionable Pay 01/03/22 (won’t be able to process estimates unless the Performer List processes are completed)- Annual Allowance Compensation 11/02/22 (This is the final window to submit these claims)**Criteria for CQC monthly monitoring & statement**Please see below the latest statement from CQC on Inspection and monitoring activity over the next few weeks:Yesterday we finalised our position in relation to our work over the next few weeks. Due to the pressures on the healthcare system/increased vaccine roll out, we have agreed the following as our position with immediate effect:* Pause GP inspections unless we believe there are serious failings in safety which pose a risk to life or serious harm.
* Pause GP DMA (formal remote monitoring) activity, unless this is required to inform the decision making about proceeding with an inspection.
* CQC staff will support national efforts, including undertaking adult social care inspections (to identify improvements and therefore release additional beds), supporting registration (to enable additional ASC beds to be registered) and utilising clinical skills across healthcare (volunteering).

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**Avios Thank You Appeal - Prize Draw launched today**The Avios Thank You Appeal, allows us to distribute some of the Avios that British Airways Executive Club Members and IAG Loyalty (Avios) donated in May 2020 to thank NHS Staff for their amazing work throughout the pandemic.Following two rounds of distributions to individuals who were nominated by their local NHS organisations, we still have some Avios points left to distribute and we decided to give a wider group of NHS staff an opportunity to win an award via a free to enter prize draw that opened today, in recognition of the hard work across all parts of the NHS. You find more information about the prize draw [here](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-H1EA-3W4C1S-CM8XZ-1/c.aspx).**Consultant Connect: Reminder of Service****For the attention of Coventry & Rugby General Practice Colleagues**As we head into winter, I wanted to remind you of the **Advice & Guidance (A&G) lines** available to you via Consultant Connect. Please continue to use these services when needing rapid secondary care advice during the coming months. Please see the [attached](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-H1EA-3W4C1S-CM8YD-1/c.aspx) for more information.**Consultant Connect: Reminder of Service****For the attention of Warwickshire North General Practice Colleagues**As we head into winter, I wanted to remind you of the **Advice & Guidance (A&G) lines** available to you via Consultant Connect. Please continue to use these services when needing rapid secondary care advice during the coming months. Please see the [attached](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-H1EA-3W4C1S-CM8YE-1/c.aspx) for more information.**New to Partnership Payment Scheme application update**We are pleased to announce that the [New to Partnership Payment Scheme](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-H1EA-3W4C1S-CM8Y0-1/c.aspx) (N2PP) will be extended into the 2022/23 financial year and we have now removed the requirement to apply within six months of commencing a partnership role. Following a review of the timeframe to apply for the scheme, and in acknowledgement of the challenges the deadline presented to busy new partners as well as the additional pressures created by the COVID-19 pandemic, we have removed the six-month deadline, including for submitted applications that meet all other eligibility criteria. When the scheme comes to an end, there will be a cut-off deadline after the scheme closure date by which applications from eligible individuals must be submitted, and we will give advance notice of this.We continue to encourage all individuals who have commenced in an equity share partnership on or after 1 April 2020 to submit their application as soon as they can after they become eligible. We are now reviewing all applicants this affects and updating our guidance to reflect the changes. If you have any enquiries please email the N2PP team.**Dementia support in Warwickshire****On behalf of Jack Clemons, Health Co-ordinator at Sky Blues in the Community**WOMENtalk was developed by SBitC and co-produced with beneficiaries with the aim of supporting women in Warwickshire with their emotional health and well-being. The project will bring women together from all backgrounds and with a range of mental health problems using group physical and social activities combined with positive mental health promotion in a fun, welcoming, non-clinical environment. The project has been designed in consultation with local women and targets all women, not simply those with an interest in football or sport.WOMENtalk will provide fun activities and social opportunities in community venues in **Warwick on Wednesdays 11.00 - 12.30 and Nuneaton on Fridays 12.00 - 1.30**. Each session will be led by SBitC’s Mental Health Officer with support from SBitC’s professional sports coaches. The two sessions run at the following venues:* **Warwick - St Nicholas Park Leisure Centre (CV34 4QY)**
* **Nuneaton - Jubilee Sports Centre (CV10 7EZ)**

The project has been running for 2 months now and it has already had a positive impact on the individuals who have participated so far. Encouraging them to be physically active and being able to support those experiencing difficulties, even signposting to other organisations that can provide help.I have [attached](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-H1EA-3W4C1S-CM8YF-1/c.aspx) a copy of the referral form for the project. If you have any individuals whom you feel may find the project suitable, please feel free to refer them. If you have any further questions, I can be contacted on this email address.**Dementia support in Warwickshire**Following a dementia diagnosis, many people may have questions or want to know about what this means for them and their loved ones. Services across Warwickshire are here to help and are available to people diagnosed with dementia.**Dementia Connect in Warwickshire**[Dementia Connect](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-H1EA-3W4C1S-CM8Y1-1/c.aspx) in Warwickshire is available for everyone affected by dementia. It offers practical and emotional support and can ensure people can access the wide range of additional support that can help them to live well with dementia (for example, community support services, assistive technology, training and awareness sessions covering how dementia can affect a person and what can help overcome challenges, financial support etc). This service is commissioned by Warwickshire County Council and delivered by Alzheimer's Society across Warwickshire.People affected by dementia (whether they have a diagnosis or are a carer) can self-refer to Dementia Connect. Practitioners can pass on the Dementia Connect contact number (charged at local rates): 0333 150 3456. Further details on how to contact the service and opening times are on the attached resource.Professional referrals are also welcomed and are easy to make. This 2 minute [video](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-H1EA-3W4C1S-CM8Y2-1/c.aspx) explains how to set up a referral ID and how to make referrals. A referral guide is also available here.   To make a referral, after gaining the person’s consent, follow this [link](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-H1EA-3W4C1S-CM8Y3-1/c.aspx) and enter some basic details. A Dementia Advisor will then contact the person.**Additional support**[Click here](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-H1EA-3W4C1S-CM8Y4-1/c.aspx) to view a leaflet detailing the 24/7 support for people with dementia and carers in Warwickshire. Hard copies of both resources (Dementia Connect and 24/7 support) can be requested by emailing: dementiapartnership@warwickshire.gov.uk**Keep up to date**Information on dementia, services and support and regular updates with news, activities and events are also available through Warwickshire's Living Well with Dementia [website](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-H1EA-3W4C1S-CM8Y5-1/c.aspx).**Supply issue with Estradiol (Estring®) 7.5microgram/24hours vaginal delivery system**Please find [attached Medicine Supply Notification](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-H1EA-3W4C1S-CM8YG-1/c.aspx) for:A Tier 2 medicine supply notification for Estradiol (Estring®) 7.5microgram/24hours vaginal delivery system

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| Estradiol (Estring®) 7.5microgram/24hours vaginal delivery system | Until early January 2022 | ·       Alternative estradiol and estriol vaginal products remain available (see MSN for further details) |

DHSC and NHSE/I have now launched an online [Medicines Supply Tool](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-H1EA-3W4C1S-CM8Y6-1/c.aspx), which provides up to date information about medicine supply issues. The contents of these MSNs 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-H1EA-3W4C1S-CM8Y7-1/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.

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| MSN/2021/053 | 08/11/2021 | **Xylocaine 2%** (lidocaine) with adrenaline 100micrograms/20ml (1:200,000) solution for injection vials | January 2022 | Mid-February 2022 |   |   |

 **Supply issue with Methylprednisolone acetate (Depo-Medrone®) 40mg/ml vials and methylprednisolone acetate (Depo-Medrone®) with lidocaine 1% 40mg/ml and 80mg/2ml vials**Please find attached [Medicine Supply Notification](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-H1EA-3W4C1S-CM8YH-1/c.aspx)for:A Tier 2 medicine supply notification for Methylprednisolone acetate (Depo-Medrone®) 40mg/ml vials and methylprednisolone acetate (Depo-Medrone®) with lidocaine 1% 40mg/ml and 80mg/2ml vials

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DHSC and NHSE/I have now launched an online [Medicines Supply Tool](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-H1EA-3W4C1S-CM8Y8-1/c.aspx), which provides up to date information about medicine supply issues. The contents of these MSNs 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-H1EA-3W4C1S-CM8Y9-1/c.aspx).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.ukTraining, events & surveysNone to report.Newsletters**PPE Customer Insight Newsletter Non-Acute – November 2021**Please see [attached PPE Customer Insight Newsletter Non-Acute – November 2021](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-H1EA-3W4C1S-CM8YI-1/c.aspx) for your information which relates to orders and deliveries over Christmas and also directs staff to items that have been identified as faulty and so remove from clinical areas. This has been shared to CCG ICCs on behalf of National SPOC.**Rise newsletter**Please see the [link](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-H1EA-3W4C1S-CM8YJ-1/c.aspx) winter edition of the newsletter produced by Rise - Coventry and Warwickshire Children and Young People’s Mental Health Service.Vacancies**GP Vacancy at Park-Leys Medical Practice (6-9 sessions per week)**Please see [attached](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-H1EA-3W4C1S-CM8YK-1/c.aspx) job advert for a GP vacancy at Park-Leys Medical Practice. |

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