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| **Welcome from CCG Chair** |

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| **Welcome to this week’s edition of Practice News**     Thank you all on behalf of the CCG and the public we serve for all you have done this year. Happy Christmas!   |

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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**Covid Isolation Guidance**Please find [attached](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-H5FT-3W4C1S-CPPIY-1/c.aspx) the latest NHSE guidance regarding the rules for the NHS workforce. This national approach has been confirmed by the wider CCG Primary Care team.   In summary:   **If a staff member develops any of the symptoms of COVID-19, however mild:**   ·       They should follow the stay at home guidance and arrange to have a PCR test either through their workplace arrangements or the Test and Trace service, as soon as possible.·       If at home (off-duty), they should not attend work whilst awaiting their PCR test result and should notify their employer or line manager immediately. ·       If at work, they should inform their employer or line manager and return home as soon as possible. ·       If a staff member receives a positive SARS-CoV-2 PCR test result, they must self-isolate for 10 days. ·       If a staff member’s self-reported SARS-CoV-2 LFD antigen test result is positive, they should self-isolate immediately.   They should then arrange to have a follow-up PCR test as soon as possible, either through their workplace arrangements or the Test and Trace service and should continue to self-isolate whilst awaiting their PCR test result.      ·       If the follow-up PCR result is positive, the staff member must continue to self-isolate. ·       Staff who receive a negative PCR test result can usually return to work providing they are medically fit to do so.    Also: Staff who do not have COVID-19 symptoms, but have a positive PCR test result, must stay at home and self-isolate.   **Staff who are contacts of someone confirmed COVID-19 positive:**   ·       Must stay at home and self-isolate if not fully vaccinated. If fully vaccinated (i.e. have received two vaccine doses and are 14 days post second vaccination) should arrange a PCR test and can return to work if it is confirmed negative (or if positive, isolate for 10 days).   ·       If negative, should complete daily lateral flow tests before attending work each day for 10 days and should seek a repeat PCR in the event of any positive LFD test.    Please note we have NOT yet received any official guidance reflecting the change yesterday to isolating for 7 days following 2 negative lateral flow tests, once this is available the details will be shared as quickly as possible.   **Vaccination and booster update**Early data shows we have delivered approximately 92,000 vaccines were across the Coventry and Warwickshire last week. This is more than double the previous week and we are expecting last week to be our biggest week since the programme started. Most of the activity continues to be undertaken in Primary care with heavy support from local pharmacists and community sites.We continue at pace with the vaccine programme and booster expansion thanks to the hard work and dedication of our NHS staff, volunteers and community support. **Thank you to Primary care for going above and beyond to help keep our system safe, we are all in this together.**We want to ensure that we continue pushing out messages to everyone via all of our channels, including you as our spokespeople that, it is not too late to have your first dose or to book in for your booster. A list of all the places eligible people can go for a walk-in appointment is available [here](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-H5FT-3W4C1S-CPPVZ-1/c.aspx). This website is updated daily with the latest sites and clinic opening hours.Patients can book an appointment on the [National Booking Service](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-H5FT-3W4C1S-CPPW0-1/c.aspx) or by calling 119, alternatively attend a walk-in clinic listed on the link above. Some primary care settings also have a local link for bookings.**New walk-in clinics Coventry Central Library**Coventry Central Library have added two additional clinics before the New Year where patients of all ages could be signposted to for their vaccines and boosters.Could you please help and share the below messages to promote the walk-in clinics at Coventry Central Library taking place on Wednesday 29 December. Please see attached the walk-in graphic and suggested posts for practice social media channels.[image 1](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-H5FT-3W4C1S-CPPW1-1/c.aspx)[image 2](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-H5FT-3W4C1S-CPPW2-1/c.aspx)

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| Walk-in clinics at Coventry Central Library    Wednesdays 22 & 29 December10am – 4pm              👉 Aged 12 and over for 1st doses👉 Aged 16 and over for 2nd doses 👉 Aged 18 and over for Boosters   Please be patient if you are asked to wait, whilst stocks last    | Twitter/Facebook  | Tuesday 21 and Monday 27 December |
| Tomorrow COVID-19 vaccination walk-in clinic OPEN at Coventry Central Library    10am – 4pm       👉 Aged 12 and over for 1st doses👉 Aged 16 and over for 2nd doses 👉 Aged 18 and over for Boosters   Please be patient if you are asked to wait, whilst stocks last    | Twitter/Facebook  | Tuesday 28 December |
| Get set for the New Year and get jabbed!    Walk-in #COVIDvaccine clinic OPEN TODAY Coventry Central Library, 10am – 4pm     👉 Aged 12 and over for 1st doses👉 Aged 16 and over for 2nd doses 👉 Aged 18 and over for Boosters   Please be patient if you are asked to wait, whilst stocks last | Twitter/Facebook  | Wednesday 29 December |

**New walk-in clinics in Leamington spa**Leamington PCN have opened up our clinics in December as walk-ins and are hoping to get them added to the NHS [website](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-H5FT-3W4C1S-CPNZL-1/c.aspx). Please see attached [poster](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-H5FT-3W4C1S-CPPW3-1/c.aspx) to share with patients and on social media channels.**Primary care networks: network contract directed enhanced service from 20 December 2021**For information - these will be added to the website shortly: * [B1218 - Network Contract Directed Enhanced Service Contract Specification 2021/22](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-H5FT-3W4C1S-CPNZM-1/c.aspx)
* [B1219 - Investment and Impact Fund Implementation Guidance 2021/22](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-H5FT-3W4C1S-CPNZN-1/c.aspx)
* [B1220 - Network Contract DES Guidance 2021/22](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-H5FT-3W4C1S-CPNZO-1/c.aspx)
* [B1228 – Cover note for 2021-22 DES December variation](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-H5FT-3W4C1S-CPNZP-1/c.aspx)

**Clinical Waste Audit - Update and Further Clarification**You will be aware of communications issued to GP Practices regarding the implementation of a waste management agent, Anenta Ltd, to ensure appropriate management of the various waste contracts held in our region. This engagement with Anenta encompasses a full range of functions including operational management, bill validations, compliance management and much more. Prior to implementation of the service, various discussion and papers were issued to commissioners to inform them of the benefits of the service.  One aspect of the service revolves around increased awareness of the levels of compliance with guidance and regulations for healthcare waste management, something that has been in existence since 1990 in terms of regulations and more recently in terms of HTM guidance. Since launching the service, Anenta are now required to make available the audit tool which standardises the approach for all GPs as opposed to developing individual models. The audits have always been a legal requirement, but the Commissioner is providing this tool to make it easier and more efficient for you to do and to maintain and track any actions that may arise.  This supports multiple aspects of compliance including CQC inspections and IPC. **The Duty of Care audit is not a new requirement and demonstrates contractual compliance where your GMS, PMS or APMS contract with NHS England is concerned.****The Duty of Care Audit**The Duty of Care Audit covers the obligations set out as part of the Environmental Protection Act s.34 Duty of Care 1990 and Duty of Care Regulations 1991.  This is to ensure effective measures are in place for the management of waste in general however with the HTM guidance combined with SI documents it focuses on healthcare waste.  More significantly, the Duty of Care audit provides the full evidence base required to be compliant with Environmental Permitting Regulations (EPR) 5.07.  **The Pre-Acceptance Audit (PAA)**The EPR 5.07 Pre-Acceptance Audit is a separate audit which is basically a tick box exercise in most cases, however the EA or the waste contractor can and will be asking for evidence to substantiate the Pre-Acceptance Audit (PAA).  These items include but are not limited to, waste management policy, document storage, training logs and training collateral and contamination inspection within onsite packaging.Under the Environmental Permitting Regulations (EPR) 5.07, all wastes generated at a location that undertakes healthcare practices must be subject to a Pre-Acceptance Audit prior to collection via a contractor. Failing to comply can result in the contractor being unable to collect the waste. Furthermore, undertaking the correct pre-acceptance audit procedure will enable you to ensure the waste is transported in accordance with legislation and that the suitable documentation and audit trail for managed wastes is available.**As clinical care and the delivery of Covid 19 vaccinations are a priority, each practice can decide when to complete the audits.  We are aware of a communication issued by one of our CCGs which stated a completion date of no later than 5th January 2022 which is not a realistic timeframe considering current pressures, and as such may be disregarded.****We would suggest a completion date of no later than the end of May 2022 to ensure you maximise the opportunity to take actions where advised.**By completing the audit, this will put practices in an excellent position to manage Regulatory change in terms of waste tracking by assessing their internal management now.  This is a definitive and important change that is being put in place by DEFRA which will be monitored by the Environment Agency. NHSE & I are in the process of implementing the offensive waste stream (tiger bags) in GP Practices and a Pre-Acceptance Audit will be necessary to facilitate this, hence the importance of getting anything compliance related in order across the board.As both the Duty of Care and Pre-Acceptance Audit are a legislative requirement, by completing these on the Vector/Anenta portal the financial savings it generates are significant for the NHS as a whole in terms of:* Administration Time
* Having a standard platform
* Charges no longer being applied directly to GPs by vendors (waste contractors) of up to £1000 for the waste contractor to conduct these audits, even if with a conflict of interest.

**Should you have any queries or require any further information (or any other clinical waste queries), please contact Anenta either via your online Vector/Anenta account or by emailing****support@anenta.com****National standards for independent & semi-independent provision for LAC & Care Leavers**Please see the [link](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-H5FT-3W4C1S-CPNZQ-1/c.aspx) to Government Consultation Response with regard to National standards for independent and semi-independent provision for Looked after Children and Care Leaves aged 16 & 17.**Volunteer drivers needed**Warwickshire County Council has been advertising for Volunteer drivers to support Home Care Settings to transport their staff to calls. Could you please share the attached [poster](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-H5FT-3W4C1S-CPPW4-1/c.aspx) as far and wide as you can to expand the advertising about the opportunity to volunteer.**NHS 111 local campaign**Please see [link](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-H5FT-3W4C1S-CPO6D-1/c.aspx) to social media assets for the NHS 111 campaign in the Coventry and Warwickshire area.**EPaCCs Template Clarification**Following a query around the correct fields required to be noted in order for it to be a complete record, they are the below five elements, which are denoted by a small asterisk on template of EPaCCS:·       Patient consent;·       Diagnosis;·       Preferred Place of Death;·       CPR Discussion and decision i.e. resuscitation status;·       ReSPECT form. For any queries relating to this please contact: cwccg.gpit@nhs.net**GP referral process for practices into SWFT****On behalf of the Urgent Care Team at CCG,**Please find attached below the referral processes into SWFT:[Medical Ambulatory Emergency Care (AEC) on Guy Ward – SWFT current](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-H5FT-3W4C1S-CPPW5-1/c.aspx)[Medical Acute Decisions Unit (ADU) on Guy Ward – SWFT current](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-H5FT-3W4C1S-CPPW6-1/c.aspx)**Serious Shortage Protocol – Salazopyrin® EN-Tabs 500mg**We are writing to inform you that because of ongoing supply issues, the Serious Shortage Protocol currently in effect for Salazopyrin® EN-Tabs 500mg (SSP014) is being varied to extend the end date, which was previously Monday 20 December 2021.**The end date for SSP014 will now be Friday 14 January 2022.**If you have any questions regarding the SSPs please contact the NHS Prescription Service:Email: nhsbsa.prescriptionservices@nhsbsa.nhs.uk**Supply issue with conjugated oestrogens/ medroxyprogesterone (Premique Low Dose®) 300microgram/1.5mg modified-release tablets**Please find attached [Medicine Supply Notification](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-H5FT-3W4C1S-CPPW7-1/c.aspx) for: A Tier 2 medicine supply notification for conjugated oestrogens/ medroxyprogesterone (Premique Low Dose®) 300microgram/1.5mg modified-release tablets.

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| Conjugated oestrogens/ medroxyprogesterone (Premique Low Dose®) 300microgram/1.5mg modified-release tablets | w/c 10th January 2022 | ·       Femoston Conti® 0.5mg/ 2.5mg tablets·       Indivina® 1mg/ 2.5mg tablets·       Kliovance® tablets |

   **DHSC and NHSE/I have now launched an online**[**Medicines Supply Tool**](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-H5FT-3W4C1S-CPNET-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-H5FT-3W4C1S-CPNEU-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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| **Original MSN/SDA reference** | **Date of original MSN/SDA** | **Supply issue** | **Resupply date originally communicated** | **Updated resupply date as of w/c****20th December 2021** |     |     |
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| SDA/2021/014 | 25/10/2021 | Tocilizumab (RoActemra) 162mg/0.9ml solution for injection pre-filled syringes and pre-filled pens | Limited until January 2022 | Limited until March 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.ukTraining, events & surveys**We Are Listening event**Please see attached [poster](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-H5FT-3W4C1S-CPPW8-1/c.aspx) for the We Are Listening event regarding community mental health to share with the public. The event will take place on 5 January 2022.Newsletters**EMIS Weekly Roundup**Please [click here](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-H5FT-3W4C1S-CPPW9-1/c.aspx) for latest EMIS news.Vacancies**Mental health coordinator**We are currently recruiting a Mental Health Coordinator at Sky Blues in the Community.The postholder will support in the delivery of several different health projects, including but not limited to a mental health intervention in primary schools, an intervention for adults with dementia and an intervention for men and women with mental health problems.The postholder will have relevant qualifications in mental health (e.g. psychology, occupational therapy, mental health nursing) and experience in delivering mental health interventions.This is a full time (37.5h min) role, with a salary of £25,000pa.The deadline for applications is 7th January 2022.[The Job Specification](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-H5FT-3W4C1S-CPPWA-1/c.aspx) and [Application Form](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-H5FT-3W4C1S-CPPWB-1/c.aspx) attached. |

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