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| **Welcome from CCG Chair** |

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| **Welcome to this week’s edition of Practice News**      Happy new Year! Here is the first newsletter of the year with the attached Quality Matters newsletter that the nursing and quality team bring to us. There’s a focus on smears and a call to nominate and celebrate someone in your team that champions quality. The excellent as always education programme is attached.As I write our system is in distress with high bed occupancy, high staff absences and high numbers of children in mental health crisis in hospital and awaiting care along with practices struggling with workforce, capacity and acuity of patients and growing waiting lists. Our Be Kind to staff campaign highlights to patients the value of kindness no more so than when the system is stretched and I would urge us all that along with the work that is going on at strategic, operational, system, Place and organisational levels to get through today, transform services and do the best for our patients that we are promote this campaign while remembering to be kind to ourselves and our teams. As always do look to the support on offer for staff if needed. Lastly to mention that the ICS implementation is delayed nationally until July 2022 and as members of the CCG your organisation continues to hold its statutory responsibilities until then with the ICS in Shadow form from April. In other words we are still here as is (Deep/Jon/Arshad/Sukhi and myself) during that time do please do get in touch. |

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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**Message from GPA: Bank Staff announcement**Coventry and Warwickshire Primary Care has chosen Lantum as a partner to create a system-wide, multidisciplinary bank staff, please see [attached](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-HAA6-3W4C1S-CU2B1-1/c.aspx) more information.**Changes to LTF testing**Following recent Government and Health Security Agency announcements in regards to lateral flow testing and PCR testing, please see below some key points for you to share with your staff and patients. The CCG communications team are working on social media messaging, once created we will share this in the newsletter for you to cascade within your social media channels and/or website.• If you have symptoms you need to have a PCR test• If you don't have symptoms you need to do a LFT test - if you test positive from 11 January you don't need to do a PCR test however you still need to isolate. However, people who need to claim self-isolation payments will need to continue to take a confirmatory PCR• All LFT results need to be logged in the national [portal](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-HAA6-3W4C1S-CTZ7Q-1/c.aspx) and then you will be given advice to isolate etc. • LFT positives are unlikely to be PCR negative at this stage in the pandemic due to high prevalence. • This does not change any staff testing protocols currently in place if they are taking routine PCRsPlease see [attached](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-HAA6-3W4C1S-CU2B2-1/c.aspx) isolation periods, definitions of close contact and infectious period for Covid 19.**IAPT student Long Covid support**Please see [attached](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-HAA6-3W4C1S-CU2B3-1/c.aspx) for information on referral pathway for students struggling with mental health issues, as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic.**Further Update to Covid Isolation Guidance 23.12.21**Please see [attached](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-HAA6-3W4C1S-CU2B4-1/c.aspx) update with useful information for the practice regarding isolation.**Covid oximetry at home admission form.**Please see [attached](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-HAA6-3W4C1S-CU2B5-1/c.aspx).**Covid Medicine Delivery Unit update****On behalf of Coventry and Warwickshire CCG, CRW Federation Collaborative, George Eliot Hospital, South Warwickshire Foundation Trust, University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire**NHS England has directed health service providers to develop CMDUs to deliver COVID treatments to non-hospitalised patients who are at risk of disease progression, deterioration, hospitalisation and death. The treatments include nMABs (neutralizing monoclonal antibodies) infusions and oral antivirals. The treatments are a key element in the offer to higher risk patients, reducing hospital admissions and death. The model adopted across Rugby, Coventry and Warwickshire ICS consists of an end to end integrated approach, with primary care, acute secondary care hubs supporting local patients, and community follow up. The Federation Collaborative COVID@home service will triage all patients referred via the national web view platform and referrals made by GPs, NHS 111 and CWPT. Patients will be streamed to the right outcome service (infusion, antivirals or community management). Intravenous infusions of the NMABs, and dispensing of oral anti-virals will occur at all 3 Acutes dependent on where they live. All patients (irrespective of whether or not they are eligible for medication) will be followed up by the virtual ward team as appropriate.**Action required by GP**If your patient is possibly eligible for medication or contacts the practice because they have received a message suggesting they may be eligible for medication, please complete the attached form. It only requires you to tick a single box and the team will triage, advise and consent the patient as well as organise referral as appropriate to an acute service. Monitoring will also be organised. The team will document information in the patient’s EMIS notes. An EMIS version of the form will be made available.Inclusion criteria for NMABs Infusion: C-19 symptom onset within 5 days & PCR test positive plus must have any of the following:• Downs Syndrome/ genetic disorders• Solid organ cancer • Haematological malignancy• Renal disease / solid organ transplant patient • HIV/AIDS• Liver diseases/Cirrhosis• Immune  medicated inflammatory disorders• Primary Immunity deficiency• Sickle cell• Rare neurological conditions (e.g.  MND, MS, Huntingdon’s, MG)• No history of anaphylaxis or allergy to monoclonal antibodies • No other interaction with drugs precluding use of monoclonal antibody treatment• Over 18•  Aged 12-18 – separated local processExclusion criteria: • Requires hospitalisation • New need of oxygen treatment • Suitability to travel for treatment • Where NMAB is contra-indicatedAny queries, please email us on crgpa.admin@nhs.net      **C1511 Information on the Government’s additional COVID-19 advice for people whose immune system means they are at higher risk letter**Please see [attached C1511](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-HAA6-3W4C1S-CU2B6-1/c.aspx)Information on the Government’s additional COVID-19 advice for people whose immune system means they are at higher risk letter for your information. This advice applies to those with weakened immune systems who are: eligible for a third primary dose of the COVID-19 vaccine; or eligible for new COVID-19 treatments.**Staff respect campaign**NHS England have launched a 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-HAA6-3W4C1S-CTZ7R-1/c.aspx) to read more.**Mental health and wellbeing hubs for staff launched**The staff mental health and wellbeing hubs have been set up across the country to provide healthcare colleagues with rapid access. [A toolkit and downloadable assets are available here](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-HAA6-3W4C1S-CTZ7S-1/c.aspx).Training, events & surveys**CCG Primary Care Spring Term Educational Programme**Please find [attached](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-HAA6-3W4C1S-CU2B7-1/c.aspx) the Spring Term education programme for all areas.**Prostate Cancer Clinical Champion**Prostate Cancer UK is seeking passionate and experienced clinical leaders who are driven to improve prostate cancer services in their area and make a meaningful difference for men living with prostate cancer.**What is the Clinical Champions programme?**This unique opportunity will take you on an 18-month leadership and improvement journey. You’ll develop your knowledge and skills to effectively influence care improvement, navigate the complexity of the NHS, and deliver a project to improve prostate cancer care at a local or national level.Prostate Cancer UK have partnered with Living Potential to bring you a bespoke leadership development programme where you’ll receive: Individual support from Prostate Cancer UK around your improvement ambitions.* Training on change leadership, system leadership, improvement science and implementing an improvement project
* Time to connect with peers, gather insight and space for reflection
* Opportunities to meet other inspiring leaders
* Individual coaching and developmental feedback. The deadline for applications is 5pm, Wednesday 19 January 2022. [Click here](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-HAA6-3W4C1S-CTZ7T-1/c.aspx) to apply. For more information get in touch.

Newsletters**Quality newsletter**Please see [attached](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-HAA6-3W4C1S-CU2B8-1/c.aspx).Vacancies**Professional Curiosity Scheme - Clinical Lead GP****Competitive Sessional Rate - 1 Session per week****Fixed Term: Feb 2022 - 9 months**Coventry and Warwickshire Training Hub, in collaboration with system workforce partners, seek a Clinical Lead GP for the Professional Curiosity Scheme. The Professional Curiosity Scheme will aim to facilitate opportunities for GP and secondary care Consultant colleagues to spend some time in each other’s working environments. Learning from this initiative will improve collaboration and understanding across our healthcare system and has the potential to shape patient pathways.This is a fantastic opportunity to develop this new initiative for Coventry & Warwickshire GPs, working both independently and with the enthusiastic GP Workforce Lead and our Secondary Care partners. The Clinical Lead will be required to provide detailed delivery, organisation and promotion of the Professional Curiosity Scheme. This will culminate in a review of the benefits for the workforce and enable future consideration to be given to its continuation on a more permanent basis. The ideal candidate should be able to demonstrate a flexible approach, the ability to organise and manage their workload; possess excellent communication skills, the ability to provide constructive feedback and demonstrate competency in their presentation skills.This pilot will start in February 2022 and last for 9 months. There will be some administrative support available to assist with the delivery of the scheme.Essential Candidate Specification:• Qualified GP• Confident in relationship building and have good networking skills• Have obtained a working knowledge of secondary care, which is essential to promote collaborative workingApplications by CV and cover letter to Joanna Ladlow by **5pm Friday 14th January 2022.**Job description can be found [here](https://cwccg.net/5ECH-HAA6-3W4C1S-CTZ7U-1/c.aspx). Interviews are anticipated w.c. 24th January. |

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