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| **Welcome from CCG Chair** |

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| **Welcome to this week’s edition of Practice News**           Welcome to this week’s newsletter. It reiterates guidance I’m sure you all are aware of and it comes again with an ask to return the information about staff vaccination status (not a contractual obligation but will help us plan and enable us to add support). We are continuing to develop the clinical leadership and engagement function and form within the ICS. While not restricted to “roles”, do keep a look out for the Chief Medical Officer role, applications from GPs with experience are welcome. Please also look out for the process for the GPs on the Integrated Care Board. This week we had our Governing Body meeting in public and I’ve attached the links below to the papers for your interest. * [Agenda and Pack 1 Governing Body Papers](https://cwccg.net/t/5ECH-HHSA-2J951R-D0UWN-1/c.aspx)
* [Governing Body Pack 2 papers](https://cwccg.net/t/5ECH-HHSA-2J951R-D0UWO-1/c.aspx)

 GPs on the board normally like the detail of the performance report and the accompanying infographics and narrative. Some cause for positive reflection and some stark reading. I can assure you Sukhi, Jon and Deepika and myself as well as my excellent board do ask for robust assurance on your and our population’s behalf.   Thanks for your continued support and as always the invitation is there to get in touch with me or the team if it would be beneficial.  |

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| Latest information for practices **Temporary change to fit notes as of 17th December 2021** There have been some temporary changes to fit notes which has meant if an employee is sick, they need to give their employer proof if they’re ill for more than **28 days**. This was previously 7 days. If they started their sick leave before 10 December 2021, they must still give proof if they’ve been ill for more than 7 days. For Statutory Sick Pay (SSP), where employees go off sick on or after 10 December 2021, employers can only ask employees for proof of sickness, such as a fit note, after 28 days of sickness (including non-working days). Proof of sickness cannot be requested earlier than 28 days. These changes are to give GP’s more time to work on the Coronavirus (Covid-19) booster programme. [This](https://cwccg.net/t/5ECH-HHSA-2J951R-CZVH7-1/c.aspx) link provides further information from the Government website.  **Regional Returning Staff to Work Guidance and Examples** This is a reminder that following from the information shared on Saturday 08 January 2022 we can confirm that staff who are positive with COVID-19 can end their isolation period on day seven if they are asymptomatic and have had negative lateral flow tests on day 6 and day 7, this is regardless of the staff vaccination status. The vaccination status of staff who are contacts of a positive case remains part of the assessment process for these contacts to be allowed out of isolation.  Please see an [overview of the guidance](https://cwccg.net/t/5ECH-HHSA-2J951R-CZVH8-1/c.aspx) with worked examples attached, this is not intended to replace the full national guidance but offer some prompts.  Please see the attached below to review the positive impact of the A&G sought, via Consultant Connect, in 2021.* [Warwickshire North Clinicians – the positive impact of Advice & Guidance in 2021](https://cwccg.net/t/5ECH-HHSA-2J951R-CZVH9-1/c.aspx)
* [Coventry and Rugby Clinicians – the positive impact of Advice & Guidance in 2021](https://cwccg.net/t/5ECH-HHSA-2J951R-CZVHA-1/c.aspx)

 If you have any questions, please get in touch with Joanne (joanne.hardway@consultantconnect.org.uk).                     **Fluenz Expiry Date** This is a reminder that unlike any other POM Fluenz “use before expiry date” means the day before the expiry date labelled on the product. Therefore for example, if a box is due to expire on the 14th Jan it must be used by midnight on the 13th.                      Astra Zeneca have received numerous phone calls regarding this issue as normally the expiry date would be midnight on the day of expiry. Astra Zeneca have now raised these concerns with their quality control department for future production.                        For any queries please contact: West Midlands england.wmid-imms@nhs.net     **Free training for Primary Care Networks to improve engagement with****Inclusion Health groups**Free training is available to Primary Care Networks to improve engagement with Inclusion Health groups. The training is funded by NHS England and NHS Improvement and will be available from January 2022.In February,[Friends, Families and Travellers](https://cwccg.net/t/5ECH-HHSA-2J951R-CZUN9-1/c.aspx),[Homeless Link](https://cwccg.net/t/5ECH-HHSA-2J951R-CZUNA-1/c.aspx),[National Ugly Mugs](https://cwccg.net/t/5ECH-HHSA-2J951R-CZUNB-1/c.aspx),[Doctors of the World](https://cwccg.net/t/5ECH-HHSA-2J951R-CZUNC-1/c.aspx) and[Stonewall Housing](https://cwccg.net/t/5ECH-HHSA-2J951R-CZUND-1/c.aspx) launched the[Inclusion Health Tool for Primary Care Networks](https://cwccg.net/t/5ECH-HHSA-2J951R-CZUNE-1/c.aspx). The tool is designed to support PCNs to improve their engagement with inclusion health groups, who are the groups experiencing the most severe health inequalities across the UK population.Since its launch, the tool has been used hundreds of times by professionals within PCNs, to support them to meet their network specification requirements to tackle inequalities in their neighbourhood. The training will build on this work, by providing interactive training sessions to PCNs, providing practical guidance to embed action on tackling health inequalities into their everyday activities.[**Read about the training and find instructions to book.**](https://cwccg.net/t/5ECH-HHSA-2J951R-CZUNF-1/c.aspx)**Colonoscopy Confidence Campaign**This week  Bowel Cancer UK  launched the[Colonoscopy Confidence Campaign](https://cwccg.net/t/5ECH-HHSA-2J951R-CZVHB-1/c.aspx).We know some people feel anxious or worried when they’re told they need a colonoscopy but it’s important to have this test if they’re referred. Colonoscopy appointments can suffer from a non-attendance problem and there is misunderstanding and fear of the procedure.  Over 20,000 colonoscopies are carried out every year and only one in 10 people have bowl cancer and when treated early nearly everybody is treated successfully.  The campaign includes factsheets, a leaflet, posters, a campaign film, films from people talking about their experience of having a colonoscopy, an animation and a range of social graphics. Several of the assets are available in English, Welsh, Urdu, Bengali, Arabic and Mandarin. All of the campaign assets are on the website: [bowelcanceruk.org.uk/colonoscopyconfidence](https://cwccg.net/t/5ECH-HHSA-2J951R-CZVHB-1/c.aspx)and available to [download from Google Drive.](https://cwccg.net/t/5ECH-HHSA-2J951R-CZVHC-1/c.aspx)                           Training, events & surveys**EMIS Free Live Sessions** Please see details [attached](https://cwccg.net/t/5ECH-HHSA-2J951R-CZVHD-1/c.aspx) for a training session for **Covid-19 vaccination webinar for healthcare workers: Answering your questions on pregnancy and fertility- Wednesday 26 January, 10am - 11am**                     **EMIS Free Live Sessions** **16 Feb: Utilising GP Contract & QOF resources** This session is to assist EMIS Web organisations maximise their annual QOF performance by increasing clinical coding accuracy by utilising system prompts for clinicians to record valuable data when the opportunities are provided.  [The session will be held on Wednesday 16 February at 10:30](https://cwccg.net/t/5ECH-HHSA-2J951R-CZVHE-1/c.aspx)  **16 Feb: Maximising your QOF Clinical Indicators** In this session we'll explore the methods your organisation can use to examine QOF Clinical Indicators, helping you to identify areas within the framework where additional points can be gained, alongside the management of your patients. [The session will be held on Wednesday 16 February at 14:00](https://cwccg.net/t/5ECH-HHSA-2J951R-CZVHF-1/c.aspx)                     **National Demand and Capacity Sessions** The Time for Care team are running several Capacity and Demand events over the next few months [12-Jan, 16-Feb & 02-Mar - (Cohort 5) Topic modular programme | Demand and Capacity Series (office.com)](https://cwccg.net/t/5ECH-HHSA-2J951R-CZVHG-1/c.aspx)  [01-Feb, 08-Mar & 22-Mar - Cohort 6 - Topic modular programme | Demand and Capacity Series (office.com)](https://cwccg.net/t/5ECH-HHSA-2J951R-CZVHH-1/c.aspx) NewslettersNone to reportVacancies**Practice Manager**Engleton House is recruiting a practice manager due to the retirement of our existing manager. We are a friendly, forward thinking six partner practice situated in the Radford area of Coventry, we operate over two sites, the other being Coventry University Medical Centre in the City Centre. The current list size is approximately 26,000 patients. We are an established Training Practice and have an ethos of encouraging the development and progression of staff. Please see advert [here](https://cwccg.net/t/5ECH-HHSA-2J951R-CZVHI-1/c.aspx) if interested (closing date 26th Jan) or contact Julie Kiley on julie.kiley@nhs.net. or 02476592012. |

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