



Weekly Inbox

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YOUR WEEKLY INBOX

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PM: Practice Manager
Ad: Administrative staff (including medical secretaries, receptionists)
PN: Nurses (including HCAs, Practice Nurses, ANPs)
Oth: Other clinicians (including ECP, Pharmacists)

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FOR ACTION

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1 E-Referral Service and National PaperSwitch Off (PSO)

Please note the correction to last week's [NHS E-Referral System \(nERS\) \(ALLCAS\) Guide with screenshots](#) document.

The other documents remain the same:

[Quick Outpatient Referral Guidance for GP's](#)

[GP Written Referral Letter](#)

Contact [Claire Pemberton](#), if you have any queries regarding this item. [Back to top](#)

FOR INFORMATION

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2 MyCOPD Pilot

The MyCOPD Pilot Programme started in February and carefully selected patients will be given the opportunity to take control of their self-management. MyCOPD has been designed to enhance the self-management of all patients with a confirmed diagnosis of COPD who also have internet access. Regardless of disease severity or stage of treatment almost all patients with COPD will find benefit in the varying features of the App.

Patients will continue to be recruited by clinicians at Ipswich Hospital and the Pulmonary Rehab service who have been trained on how to use the App as part of phase 1. As part of phase 2, the Community COPD team are now in a position to work with a small group of interested and enthusiastic respiratory nurses and/or GPs from practices to identify suitable patients who would benefit from being prescribed the MyCOPD App.

If there are any respiratory nurses and/or GPs interested in learning more about MyCOPD and want to help lead the way forward please [click here](#).

If your practice would like to take part in the MyCOPD pilot, please contact [Alison Sadler](#) by email or on telephone: 01473 770291. [Back to top](#)

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3 GP Practices across the country to become 'veteran friendly'

GPs are signing up to become 'veteran friendly' under a new national scheme to improve medical care and treatment for former members of the armed services that has been backed by NHS England and the Royal College of GPs. Further information can be found [here](#). [Back to top](#)

In Suffolk there are 4 Veterans Breakfast Clubs that can be found [here](#).

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4 Care Navigator Leaflets and Posters

The CCG has leaflets and a poster designed to promote the idea of care navigation to your patients in a way that is easy to understand. If your practice would like some leaflets to help explain care navigation or if you need extra copies, please contact [Shelley Mitchell](#) or by telephone 01473 770021. [Back to top](#)

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5 Primary Care Leadership Collaborative

Primary Care Leadership Collaboratives (PCLC) applications are open and are designed to support local teams in developing leadership capabilities in each of the Sustainability and Transformation Partnership footprints in the East of England. The collaboratives are likely to be a practice manager, practice nurse and GP/GDP but potentially including other senior colleagues in practices and other local organisations. The goal is to enable improvement and innovation across STPs through the collaborative, sharing a common purpose and vision of primary care and future outcomes for communities. For more information view [flyer](#) and [application form](#). [Back to top](#)

6 [Local vacancies](#)

Please click the above link to see the current local GP and practice staff vacancies. New jobs have been added this week.

If you have a vacancy to advertise here and on our website, please contact [Stuart Graham](#).

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CLINICAL OVERSIGHT GROUP

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7 [NICE and NHSE Consultations](#)

NICE News and **Update for Primary Care** are published monthly and can be found [here](#).

NICE Consultation can be found [here](#).

NHS England Consultation can be found [here](#).

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EDUCATION & TRAINING

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8 [Heart Failure Study Day](#)

For further information, please [click here](#).

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9 [Prescribing Clerk Training](#)

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Advanced Level Prescribing Clerk Training is being held on Wednesday 10th October 1:45-4:30pm at Chesterfield Drive Surgery. The session is suitable for experienced staff working in a prescribing clerk role. Topics covered include:

- Knowledge of common medicines
- Awareness of medication safety and related issues
- Refresher on current policies
- To emphasise the importance of repeat prescribing processes and the risks associated with it
- To identify information sources and how to use them

If you would like to book a member of staff on to this course, please email [Claire Allen](#) to reserve your space. Spaces are limited and allocated on a first come first served basis.

If you have previously reserved a space but not yet confirmed attendance, please can you kindly confirm to Claire ASAP so that we may offer your space to somebody else if you no longer require it.

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10 [Free Immunisation Update](#)

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A FREE immunisation update has been arranged by Public Health England in conjunction with the CCG on 13 September 2018 during our education and training afternoon. [Click here](#) to book your place.

The session was planned as part of the Practice Nurse Forum but instead will now be a stand-alone three hour session covering flu immunisation changes for 18/19 and other important immunisation changes, issues and updates. We hope many of you will be able to attend.

If you are unable to attend the afternoon session on 13 September, there is a session in the morning and other sessions across the region including Felixstowe, Colchester and Bury St Edmunds. Please note the Ipswich update will be at Best Western Ipswich Hotel, Constable Suite, London Road, Copdock, IP8 3JD.

More information can be found at: www.miltongateway.com.

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11 [PACT \(Primary Care And Community Care Training Hub\)](#)

Ipswich & East and West Suffolk CCGs are working together with representatives from primary and community care services and training providers to address workforce and workload challenges to ensure that we have the right number of health and care professionals with the right skills to meet the evolving needs of local people.

Please follow the link to [PACT Training Hub Newsletter Issue 43](#).

If you would like to sign-up to the newsletter or have any training queries or suggestions, please email PACT@suffolkch.nhs.uk.

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For queries relating to contracts, please email IESCCG.gp-contract-queries@nhs.net with **Contracts** in the subject line.



Safeguarding Children is Everyone's Responsibility: news, guidance and resources can be found on the [CCG's Safeguarding Children webpage](#).

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DID YOU KNOW...?

13 **Blue badges**

People with hidden disabilities, including autism, dementia and mental health conditions will soon have access to Blue Badges, removing the barriers many face to travel. In the biggest overhaul to the scheme since the 1970s, this will now be extended to those with less visible conditions early next year. Read more [here](#).

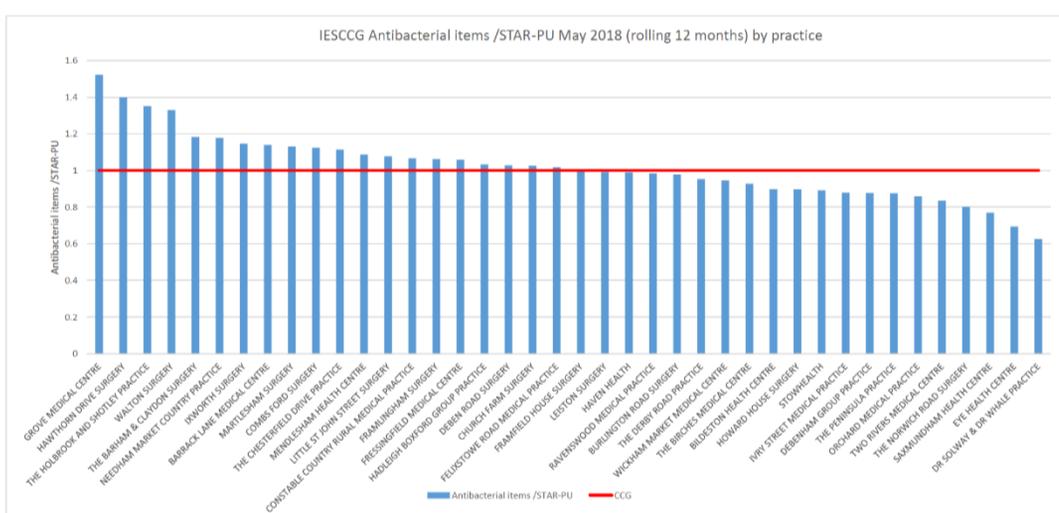
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CHART OF THE WEEK

14 We are often asked for more comparative information to enable practices to know where they stand on a variety of indicators in comparison with other practices. Therefore, we publish a chart every week on a variety of topics.

Please [let us know](#) if there are any topics that you would find it useful for us to cover.

This week we are looking at IESCCG Antibacterial items/STAR-PU May 2018 (rolling 12 months) by practice.



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