



Weekly Inbox

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YOUR WEEKLY INBOX

The Weekly Inbox is produced by the Ipswich and East Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group for circulation in your practice, to provide you with essential clinical guidance and useful support.

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PM: Practice Manager
Ad: Administrative staff (including medical secretaries, receptionists)
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FOR ACTION

1 Applications for Clinical Pharmacists into General Practice OC PM

The [General Practice Forward View](#) committed to over £100m of investment to support an extra 1,500 clinical pharmacists to work in general practice by 2020/21. This is in addition to over 490 clinical pharmacists already working across approximately 650 GP practices as part of a pilot, launched in July 2015. NHS England invites GP practices and other providers of general practice medical services to apply for funding on an ongoing basis to help recruit, train and develop more clinical pharmacists through the secure [clinical pharmacist application portal](#). The deadline for wave 4 application submissions is **19 January 2018**. Guidance and support in submitting your application can be found on [NHS England's website](#). [Back to top](#)

2 Chief Medical Officer Alert – Antiviral Medication OC GP PN

GPs and other prescribers working in primary care may now prescribe antiviral medicines for the prophylaxis and treatment of influenza at NHS expense. FP10 prescription forms should be endorsed with SLS. The full CMO alert is available to view [here](#). [Back to top](#)

3 Reminder: Practice Manager Forum PM

A reminder that the next Practice Manager Forum will be held on the afternoon on **Thursday 1 February** at the Holiday Inn Ipswich Orwell (Postcode: IP3 9SJ). [Click here](#) to view the agenda. If you have not already done so, please could you confirm your attendance by emailing eleonor.ward2@nhs.net. Places are limited so please could only one member of staff attend from each practice. Thank you. [Back to top](#)

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4 Blood Tests for 2WW Referrals OC GP PM Ad PN

Following recent feedback from secondary care, we are obliged to remind you it is **essential** that requested pre-referral investigations are performed when making a two-week wait referral.

Increasingly, patient pathways are being refined to facilitate faster diagnosis and treatment, and this information is crucial to enable patients to go "straight to test" when appropriate. It can also be highly clinically relevant: it is difficult for the respiratory physicians to assess a lung referral when no CXR has been performed, although this is listed on the form as a prerequisite.

It is not necessary to await the results of blood tests prior to making the referral, merely to ensure that they have been performed so consultants can access them. We will also be working with medical secretaries to tighten up referral procedures, so it may be worth checking within your practices to ensure they have access to relevant investigation requests. [Back to top](#)

5 Sending Urgent Prescriptions via EPS OC GP PN

We would like to make all prescribers aware that the EPS system does not allow urgent prescriptions to be highlighted to the receiving community pharmacy when sent from a GP system.

When sending a prescription that you consider to be urgent, **please telephone the receiving pharmacy** to alert them to this. If you are aware that the patient will require a home delivery, please make this clear in the call as well. To support these recommendations, the CCG is sending a briefing to all Community Pharmacies in the area, drawing their attention to the importance of thorough communication around the supply of urgent prescriptions.

Recently a missed urgent prescription resulted in the death of a patient in the North of England. A prescription for antibiotics, which required urgent home delivery, was not identifiable as such when received by the pharmacy via EPS. As no further communication took place, the patient never received their medication and later died from sepsis.

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6 Class 2 Medicines Recall: Mollipaxin (Trazodone)

Winthrop Pharmaceuticals UK Limited (trading as Zentiva) is conducting a precautionary recall of a single batch of Mollipaxin 100mg capsules due to a potential issue with the metal detector during manufacture of the batch. [Click here](#) to view the full alert.

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7 Flu Vaccine Availability

There have been items in the media since the new year of winter pressures and the circulation of the seasonal flu virus. Linked to this, some practices have informed us that they have now used their flu vaccine and have no more available.

We understand that many practices have exhausted their initial supply of vaccine. However, we would like to reassure you that there are still supplies of influenza vaccine available for order, which will help you to continue to offer vaccines to those in the existing eligible groups, as well as care and nursing home workers (who became eligible in November 17 under the new Enhanced Service).

A list of available vaccines, together with contact details for the suppliers is available in the latest edition of [Vaccine Update](#) (please refer to page 11).

Guidance is also available in the Green Book, Chapter 19, available via the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/influenza-the-green-book-chapter-19>

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8 MCP Information Films

A [series of films](#) have been produced to help GPs learn more about what it is like to be part of a developing multispecialty community provider (MCP) and what it might mean for them. Developed with five GPs from across the country, the videos give personal accounts of their experiences, including what led their practices to consider a new model of care and why they believe these changes will help sustain general practice for the future. Each film is specific to the place where the GP is based and reflects on the experience that area has had.

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9 Suffolk Locum Service

The new Suffolk Locum Service has now launched and feedback from both practice managers and GPs has been positive.

So far, 50 practices have already signed up to the online portal, posting 536 hours of sessions. Some 35 locums have also registered their details. Those behind the project are now keen for more GPs to sign up to ensure the service fulfils its potential.

For more information about Suffolk Locum Service, please email locums@suffolkfed.org.uk or telephone Milly Tooke on 07864 900881. Alternatively, you can visit www.suffolkfed.org.uk and click on the Suffolk Locum Service link on the homepage.

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10 Let's Talk Advocacy Workshops

The [Suffolk User Forum](#) is hosting two workshops on Thursday January 18 in Kesgrave and Bury St Edmunds, to share information about how to access advocacy services. Open to all mental health service users and supporters. Read more about the events [HERE](#) and learn more about advocacy [HERE](#).

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11 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](#).

Newly added this week!

Coast & Country Primary Care – Admiral Nurse Service

Coast & Country Primary Care is working in partnership with Dementia UK to provide the specialist dementia support that families need through the establishment of an Admiral Nurse Service across East Suffolk.

They are currently advertising two separate vacancies for this exciting development and full details regarding application can be found at the NHS Jobs website – <https://www.jobs.nhs.uk>

Derby Road Practice – Salaried GP/Partner

The Derby Road Practice is looking for another doctor to join their friendly multi-disciplinary team for up to 8 sessions per week. The practice is flexible in hours and type of employment – anything from a salaried GP to partner can be considered.

[Click here](#) for more details on both of these jobs, as well as how to apply.

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COMMISSIONING UPDATES

Find out the latest commissioning news from the CCG. We welcome your comments and feedback on any items in this section – [contact us](#)

12 Medicines Management – New Flu Vaccine for 2018/19

A new flu vaccine has been licenced and made available for use for 2018/19. [This letter](#) summarises the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation's (JCVI) advice on adjuvanted trivalent flu vaccine (aTIV). The letter is intended to help support decisions on influenza vaccines for 2018/19. In particular the JCVI has advised the use of aTIV as a priority for those aged 75 and over, given that the non-adjuvanted inactivated vaccine has shown no significant effectiveness in this group over recent seasons.

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13 Medicines Management - Newsletter

The December issue of the Medicines Management Newsletter can be viewed [here](#). This month's issue includes information about stock availability, wound care and ostomy formularies and the upcoming Prescribing Leads event.

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14 Integrated Care – Structured Education

The STP Diabetes Transformation Oversight Group (DMTOG) heard that the training of new trainers to run extra DESMOND courses is now well underway with reminders going out shortly to practices to refer as many newly diagnosed type 2 diabetics for Structured Education (SE). Only one extra DAFNE course will be put on this year which rather than being five consecutive days will be run for one day a week for five weeks. With this style of course we hope to engage a different cohort of patients. In 18/19 it is intended to increase the number of DAFNE places further. An STP wide marketing campaign that was run in November will also return in January to encourage more take up of Diabetes services such as structured education.

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15 Integrated Care – Achieving the 3 NICE Treatment Targets

The first of several diabetes consultant visits to practices began on Friday 5 January, and further dates are now available from consultants. The purpose of these visits is for an exchange of ideas, learning and to offer diabetes support for clinicians specifically, but to generally raise the communication level between primary and secondary care. If you are interested to host one of these visits please contact [Dean Onno](#) or [Claire Pemberton](#).

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IT NEWS

16 Patient Decisions on Record Sharing

Over 30% of patients in Suffolk have decided to share their electronic health records with health and care professionals involved in their care. Practices should now be receiving forms from patients via Community Health Care staff across Suffolk. These forms are being sent to the registered practice for recording on the clinical system. The option to share not only their full patient record, but also the additional information on the Summary Care Record. Instructions for practices are located at the base of the form. Any queries, please contact Julie Irving, Information Sharing Programme Manager, email: julie.irving@suffolk.nhs.uk or telephone: 01473 770152.

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EDUCATION & TRAINING

17 Training & Education

Thank you to those of you who gave us your comment on December's training and education event at Trinity Park. We have collated and analysed that feedback and a summary can be viewed [HERE](#). On the whole the sessions were very well received, particularly the [sepsis lecture](#) and the [contraception training](#). Areas of improvement have been acknowledged and will be considered going forward.

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18 Safeguarding Adults Level 3

Please be aware of the following upcoming training dates:

- [18 January 2018 \(14.00 -17.00\) Riverside, Lowestoft](#)
- [22 January 2018 \(13.00 – 17.00\) West Suffolk House, Bury St Edmunds](#)

Click on the links above to book through NHS events, or contact melissa.goodwin1@nhs.net for more information.

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19 This Week's New Training Courses

The list below summarises the new training courses that have been added to the CCG website this week. Please click the links below for access to further details and booking information. The tabs on the right-hand side indicate if the events are aimed at a particular staff group.

[BEAT Eating Disorder Training – 01 Mar](#)

[Clinical Hypnosis – 27/28 Jan, 24/25 Feb & 07/08 Apr](#)

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20 CEPN (Community Education Provider Networks)

Ipswich & East and West Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Groups 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 [CEPN Newsletter - Issue #16](#).

If you would like to sign-up to the newsletter, join the CEPN Steering Group in your CCG area or have suggestions/feedback to support us with this work, please email CEPN@suffolkch.nhs.uk.

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CONTACT

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If you are not currently on the regular distribution list for the Weekly Inbox but would like to be, you can [sign up here](#).

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...?

- 22 NHS 70: Celebrating 70 Years of the NHS**

The NHS is turning 70 on 5 July 2018. NHS England are using this opportunity to celebrate the achievements of one of the nation's most loved institutions, to appreciate the vital role the service plays in all our lives. There will no doubt be much coverage in the media over the course of 2018 with a number of national events already in the planning.



Further news can be found here:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/nhs70/>

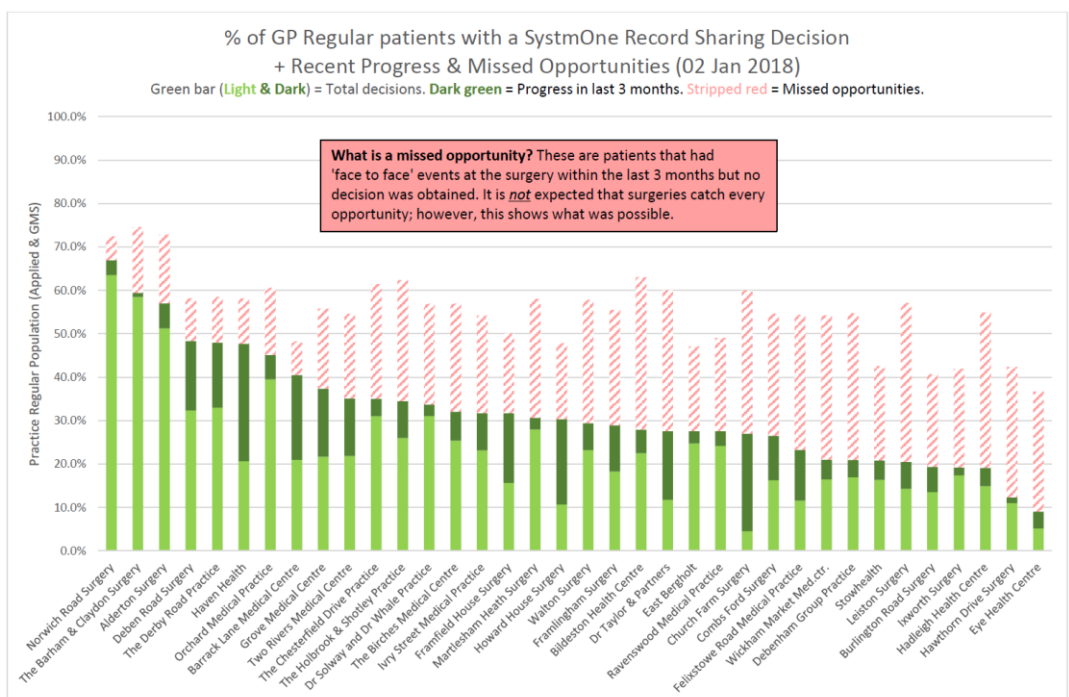
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CHART OF THE WEEK

- 23** 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](#) there are any topics that you would find it useful for us to cover.

This week we are looking at **% of GP Regular patients with a decision on record sharing progress and missed opportunities (2 Jan 2018)**.



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