



Important information for GP practices across Kent and Medway
Thursday 9 July 2020

A new look bulletin

Welcome to our new bulletin for GP practices in Kent and Medway. This bulletin will replace the twice-weekly Covid-19 update and will include more strategic information and updates specific to ICP areas.

If you have any feedback or ideas to make the updates more useful to you please email kmccg.gpscovid19@nhs.net

Clinical advice and support

Risk assessments for at-risk staff

NHS England and NHS Improvement reminded practices about the need to carry out risk assessments for at-risk staff in [this letter, dated 24 June](#).

For practices who have not yet done this and are looking for a provider to carry out the assessment (particularly for high-risk or complex cases), NHS

E/I has existing arrangements in place with [Heales Medical Ltd](#).

Practices will need to cover the costs associated with undertaking risk assessments and should decide for themselves what is appropriate for their needs, but Heales Medical Ltd is an option along with many other occupational health providers that can provide similar services. More [information about Heales](#) is in this poster.

Covid-19 best practice webinar

Following the previous successful webinars, we are delighted to share with you an opportunity to join the next one.

Covid-19, Cancer and Haematology Challenges in Practice will be held on Tuesday 14 July, 7pm to 8.45 pm (Please log in at 6.50pm for start at 7pm).

There will be an opportunity for discussion with an expert guest panel, around key issues and areas of focus, such as:

- Covid impact on haematology services in general in primary and community care
- Covid impact on haematological malignancies
- Covid and thrombotic complications of strokes and DVT/PE update
- Anaemia challenges including Pernicious Anaemia
- Thrombocytosis and its implications as a risk factor for malignancy
- Myeloproliferative disorders including myeloma and lymphadenopathy
- Any other key issues shared by the panel members and attendees via the chat line too.

These webinars offer a chance to share expertise from across all areas to help resolve issues and share learning in relation to the current challenges

presented by Covid-19 and include case and situational based discussions. All attendees have the opportunity to ask the expert panel questions and raise discussion points using the chat forum.

Read more [detailed information on the event and to register](#) for a place.

Zoom details will be sent on confirmation of booking a place and will be found towards the bottom of the confirmation email. For any other queries please contact [Rakesh Korla](#).

Investigating the deaths of health and social care workers who contracted coronavirus

Please see the [letter from the Department of Health and Social Care](#) which provides [information about the process](#) for investigating the deaths of healthcare and social care workers who died after contracting coronavirus. This has been included in the bulletin for your information.

Cervical screening in primary care in Kent and Medway

The CCG has provided a [frequently asked questions document](#) for cervical screening in primary care in Kent and Medway. This document was produced following feedback in the weekly sitrep.

Finance

Submissions against the £1 Covid Support Funding

A final reminder that the last date for the CCG to receive evidence being submitted against the £1 Covid Support Funding for March – June 2020 is 31 July 2020. The CCG would appreciate receiving any submissions as early as possible.

Local area updates

East Kent

Out of hours messages

Please can you remove reference to Health Help Now from your websites and answerphone messages as the service is no longer commissioned in east Kent.

Websites and answerphones should continue to signpost patients to NHS 111 when the practice is closed, and below is some sample text:

Please call NHS 111 if you need medical help when this practice is closed. The NHS 111 team has trained advisers, nurses and doctors available at all times. They can help over the phone and advise you where to go if you need to see someone and make sure you are directed to the right service for you. Don't waste time going to the wrong place – phone NHS 111 first.

NHS 111 is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Just call 111.

Alternatively, you can go online: www.111.nhs.uk

Medway

Your chance to help improve services for adults with Autism and ADHD – survey for GPs extended

We are keen to hear from GPs working with adult patients/clients with autism and/or ADHD in the Medway area. Please complete this short survey to give us your views.

A Kent and Medway wide neurodevelopmental service is being developed to improve the quality of services and support for adults with Autism/ASD/Asperger's (Autistic Spectrum Conditions - ASC) and/or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD).

GPs have reported problems with the pathway of care for adults with Autism and Autistic Spectrum Conditions. Help us make the service better.

[Complete the survey online.](#)

If you would prefer to speak to someone over the phone, we can also arrange a short interview. Contact [Johanna Elwell](#) or telephone: 01634 331273 with any queries.

Please complete the survey by 15 July 2020.



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Useful links

- [Weekly stakeholder bulletin](#)
- [Offers for NHS staff](#)

The deadline for articles for this update is 11am on Mondays.

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