

Issue 120 - 6 November 2019

## Primary Care Newsletter

Welcome to your weekly e-bulletin – Primary Care News.

Please share this newsletter with colleagues within your practice who might benefit from the information.

Please forward any items for inclusion (aimed at Practice Managers) on the attached article [template](#) no later than **Monday evening** each week to the Primary Care email address at [barnsleyccg.primarycare@nhs.net](mailto:barnsleyccg.primarycare@nhs.net)

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### Reminders - Important dates

#### Dates for your diary

- **2019 BEST events** and **Primary Care Network** meeting dates and deadlines for booking cover are available [here](#)
- **2020 BEST events** and **Primary Care Network** meeting dates and deadlines for booking cover are available [here](#)

### **IMPORTANT: change to CHA2DS2-VASc calculations, relating to high BP readings and Hypertension**

**EMIS Health would like to bring to the attention of EMIS practice's the following [update](#)**

### **VPN Tokens - \*\*important information\*\***

Thank you to practices that have contacted the CCG advising that VPN tokens are currently used by members of their practice team.

From the 31st October it will not be possible to request a new BT VPN token, however we can confirm that existing VPN tokens will continue to function until their expiry date. After which time it will be necessary to move to the new RAS solution which the CCG has been

working with Embed to develop. Further information as to how to request access via the RAS solution will be shared as soon as we are able.

Please note though that the new RAS solution can only be accessed via corporate and NHS purchased laptops due to security.

You may be aware that the CCG is currently progressing a mobile working pilot. Following current trials in place it is hoped that laptops will then be available for issue to practices by the end of January 2020.

### **Invoices submitted via Tradeshift**

NHS England is introducing Tradeshift to all suppliers. Tradeshift allows registered suppliers to upload their own invoices directly to the portal and track progress of the payment. It reduces payment times, cuts out postage and makes the whole process more efficient.

Practices will need to set their practice name up on Tradeshift the same as it is set up on Oracle. A full list of practice names can be found [here](#) to help with this process.

Guidance for practices to use to get themselves set up on Tradeshift can be found [here](#)

### **Flu Vaccination for Renal Flu Patients**

Patients with chronic or long term conditions are at an increased risk of morbidity and mortality as a result of complications associated with contracting flu. Evidence suggests (September 2010-May 2011) that Influenza-related population mortality rates and relative risk of death among patients with chronic renal disease, aged six months to under 65 years was 4.8 per Mortality rate per 100,000 population, adjusted to 18.5 when age adjusted.

As many patients undergoing renal dialysis often do not or are unable to access their GP easily due to the frequency of hospital visits, NHS England and Improvement, following discussions and agreement with all CCGs have agreed to trial the commissioning of the Sheffield Teaching Hospital renal service (which covers all South Yorkshire, Bassetlaw and North Derbyshire) to offer flu vaccine opportunistically to any patient undergoing dialysis in any of their units for the 2019/20 flu season. The delivery will be evaluated and decisions

made on future flu seasons and whether this can be undertaken wider across Yorkshire and the Humber.

This is in addition to and is not intended as a replacement for the GP flu vaccination programme, as these patients remain the responsibility of the registered practice. Any vaccines given by the renal service will be notified to the patients registered GP, who will need to ensure it is correctly and appropriately READ coded in the patients GP clinical record. The notification will be via email to Sheffield practices and by postal letter (within 48 hours maximum) to all other practices.

If a patient in this cohort attends the practice for a vaccination and you are unsure if they have been vaccinated please call the **Renal Admin Co-ordinators: 0114 2715326 / 0114 2715327**

### **Barnsley Infant Feeding update for GP's - October 2019**

A briefing for GP's can be found [here](#) GP's should also be receiving a copy of the policy soon.

### **NICE Bites: Cellulitis**

The North West Medicines Information Service has published [Cellulitis and erysipelas: antimicrobial prescribing](#). This document provides a summary of key prescribing points taken from NICE guidance (NG141) which sets out an antimicrobial prescribing strategy for adults, young people, children and babies aged 72 hours and over with cellulitis and erysipelas.

### **New PCRS online Asthma and COPD resources**

#### **Check out the new PCRS online asthma and COPD resources**

We have updated our [asthma](#) and [COPD](#) resource pages to bring together all the PCRS analysis and information about the latest guidelines in one place. The pages also contain links to PCRA and other relevant resources. Stay up to date with PCRU

Visit the PCRS website to read their periodical publication, PCRU, packed full of educational updates, summaries of policy changes and clinical updates. Read the Autumn

2019 PCRU [here](#).

## **Improving services for Barnsley Children, Adolescents and their families - your opportunity to be involved**

Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust are in the process of developing a new integrated purpose built unit for Paediatric ED and the Children's Assessment Unit and are inviting people to attend events in November to give their views and feed into the process. Click [here](#) for details.

## **Free meeting space required for cancer patients attending a HOPE course**

The HOPE (Help, Overcome, Problems, Effectively) Course developed by Macmillan and Coventry University is designed to support patients after cancer treatment. It can help patients rediscover their strengths and overcome the emotional and practical challenges of life after cancer. Patients can also share their experiences and get support from other people going through the same thing. Patients don't need to face cancer alone.

HOPE is a free 6 week course and each session runs for 2.5 hours (usually same day and time each week) usually from The Well in the town centre. Moving forward, this offer needs to be more accessible to more patients across the borough so community venues with free parking are sought. If you have a space to offer or you need more information please contact Alison Spencer, Cancer Services BHNFT 01226 431303 or Email: [alisonspencer@nhs.net](mailto:alisonspencer@nhs.net)

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## **Barnsley GPN Awards 2020 - Nominations are now open!**

You can help to recognise and reward the hard work, innovation and dedication of GP Practice Nurses by nominating them for a Barnsley GPN Award. Winners from the Barnsley GPN awards will go forward to the South Yorkshire & Bassetlaw awards in March

2020 at New York Stadium Rotherham.

By nominating, you will not only be gaining them the recognition and reward they deserve, you will be doing your part to highlight the vital contribution nursing makes to primary healthcare. Nurses can either nominate themselves or be nominated by a colleague, patient or carer. These Awards provide a unique opportunity to highlight and showcase the very best examples of primary care nursing in Barnsley.

Please encourage colleagues and patients within your practice to nominate members of your nursing teams. The nomination form can be found [here](#)

### **Recruiting GP Nurses just got easier**

A new NHS website makes it easier for practices to attract high quality candidates for General Practice Nursing roles. [gpnursing.jobs.nhs.uk](http://gpnursing.jobs.nhs.uk) interlocks with NHS Jobs and collates vacancies even if they have different job titles. Users can search for General Practice Nurse, Advanced Nurse Practitioner, Advanced Clinical Practitioner, Nurse Associate and Health Care Support Workers. The site also includes information about GP Nursing training and careers. For adverts to be included they must be uploaded onto NHS Jobs, which is free for GP practices. To open an account or for technical support call 01443 443827 or email: [nhsbsa.nhsjobsenquiries@nhs.net](mailto:nhsbsa.nhsjobsenquiries@nhs.net)

## **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

### **Free EMIS web and SystemOne Training Workshops**

For details of the upcoming EMIS web and SystemOne Training Workshops click on the links below:

- [EMIS web](#)
- SystemOne - awaiting new dates

**Places on all courses are limited and will be offered on a first come first served basis.**

<https://itselfservice.embedhealth.co.uk/> using the option "Clinical Software Training Request" or alternatively if you do not have log in details for the portal, or for any other

queries, please contact the IT Service desk by telephone 0345 140 8000 or email [IT\\_Servicedesk@embedhealth.co.uk](mailto:IT_Servicedesk@embedhealth.co.uk)

## **Heart Failure Professional Education**

As part of the CVD transformation work stream SWYPFT's Heart Failure Specialist Nursing Service have been delivering replicated heart failure professional education sessions throughout 2019 aimed at primary care colleagues in Barnsley, attendees from the sessions that have already taken place have provided positive feedback regarding the heart failure content covered. The final session of 2019 is due to take place between 12:30 to 17:00 on Wednesday 11th December 2019 in the Board Room, Hilder House, 49 – 51 Gawber Road, Barnsley S75 2PY.

The purpose of the session is to provide a generic overview of heart failure management, medication titration and self-management techniques in order to support primary care colleagues to feel more confident to be able to support non-complex heart failure patients within a primary care setting enabling SWYPFT's Heart Failure Specialist Nursing Service the capacity to support more complex heart failure patients. The training is free to access. For more information or to book a place on one of the sessions please contact the Heart Failure Specialist Nursing Service via the number listed on the attached [here](#).

## **CPD - Diabetes from a GP's perspective - 9 November 2019**

Yorkshire Health Practitioners Association (YHPA) are holding a Diabetes learning event on the 9 November 2019. For further information and booking details click [here](#)

## **Practice Manager Conference - 21 November 2019**

Registration is now open for the South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Primary Care Workforce and Training Hub 2<sup>nd</sup> South Yorkshire & Bassetlaw Practice Manager Conference:

### **Making Networks Work For Practice Managers**

**Date:- Thursday 21 November 2019**

**Time:- 8.45 am – 9.30 am Registration/Conference Opens and Networking**

**9.30 – 5.00 pm Conference Keynotes and Workshops**

**Lunch will be provided**

**Venue:- AESSAL New York Stadium, New York Way, Rotherham, S60 1AH**

This conference will have a focus on:

- The role of the practice manager in the primary care network
- The additional clinical roles and how to implement them
- Growing a practice manager support network to share good practice and provide a forum for ideas and initiatives
- Enabling managers to understand their own development needs.

To register to attend the conference please click the link below.

**[Click to here Register](#)**

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## **SCREENING AND IMMUNISATION**

Yorkshire and the Humber Screening and Immunisation Team Update for W/C 28 October 2019 can be found [here](#)

## **SAFEGUARDING**

Adult Did Not Attend / Was Not Brought guidance for GP's can be found [here](#)