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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

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](#)

Updated Cancer 2 Week Wait (2WW) Referral Forms

South Yorkshire & Bassetlaw Integrated Care System Cancer Alliance have updated 3 of the current 2WW referral forms. These forms are:

- Lower GI; updated to include a 'Straight to test' element
- Upper GI; updated to include a 'Straight to test' element
- Urology; updated to specify the need for U&E blood tests to be done within one month of the referral (to facilitate prompt onward pathway investigations) - this differs from the usual 3 month requirement.

The referral forms have been updated in clinical systems, as per an email that practice

managers received from Embed on 11 November 2019. Therefore the CCG would be grateful if Practice Managers could ensure that all responsible referrers are made aware of the changes.

In addition, the CCG would also like to remind practices:

- Of the importance of completing the required fields on all 2WW referral forms. Without this information patient care could be unnecessarily delayed.
- That all patients referred via a '2WW' referral form should be informed that this is a 'suspicious of cancer' pathway and be encouraged to comply with appointment and investigation offers as much as possible.

Patient leaflets to accompany the Commissioning for Outcomes Policy

The Patient Information Leaflet to accompany the South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Commissioning for Outcomes Policy was updated in March 2019 following revision of the policy to incorporate national evidence based intervention guidelines.

Please can practices ensure that locally held materials have been updated (e.g. practice systems, local drives and hard copies) and staff are familiar with the revised material. Note: This leaflet refers to clinical thresholds (or clinically led criteria for interventions) and is a separate to the Get Fit First patient leaflet. Condition specific information is also available on the CCGs website here: <https://www.barnsleyccg.nhs.uk/evidence-based-interventions.htm>

Latest BREATHE Team

The BREATHE team has sent their latest who's who poster out to Primary Care. Click [here](#) to meet the team. Please note the poster is aimed at practice colleagues only and is not for public areas. A printed copy will be posted out to practice directly from the team.

Barnsley's new Infant Feeding Policy

The Breastfeeding Welcome sign can be found [here](#) and the new borough-wide joint Infant Feeding Policy can be found [here](#)

Carers and Friends - meeting dates 2019/20

Please click [here](#) to find the Carers and Friends Forum dates for the rest of this year and

2020 – the meetings are for Carers only, however every alternate meeting is for Carers and Professionals combined.

Barnsley Independent Alzheimer's and Dementia Support

BIADS is a local charity founded in 2010 to support families in Barnsley whose lives are affected by any form of dementia.

Additional information on the services provided can be found [here](#)

Guide to managing medicines supply and shortages

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) works closely with NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I), the wider NHS, pharmaceutical companies and others in the supply chain to ensure continuity of supply of medicines to patients.

In order to support pharmacists, clinicians and other NHS professionals with managing the supply of medicines to their patients, the DHSC and NHSE&I have worked closely together to produce **A Guide to Managing Medicines Supply and Shortages**.

This guide details the established national, regional and local management and escalation processes and communication routes for medicines supply issues in order to consolidate existing practice across industry, government and the NHS.

It has been developed to support NHS teams and professionals who have responsibility for reporting a medicine supply issue, as well as those who need to take action when a shortage arises to ensure that patient care is protected.

Living with and Beyond Cancer Learning and Development Opportunities - Autumn 2019

The Macmillan Living With And Beyond Cancer Programme is well underway with meeting learning and development needs. Following a great turn out for the 2018 and early 2019 courses that were offered, the next series of sessions will soon be available.

We know that by providing and participation in learning and development courses,

specifically designed to support greater 'personalised care and support' for people affected by cancer, increase professionals' confidence in supporting patients. Evaluation of our previous courses has shown self-rated confidence was statistically significantly higher following attendance.

During 2019/20 we are seeing a range of new colleagues joining local teams providing support to people affected by cancer in both hospitals and the community.

The courses are available to all, supporting people affected by cancer – not just Breast Colorectal and Prostate cancers that have previously focused on.

The opportunities that have been offered are based on feedback and popular demand. The opportunities are not exhaustive and the remainder of the programme other courses may become available based on need. Further information can be found [here](#)

NICE update for Primary Care - October 2019

The NICE summary update for Primary Care can be found [here](#)

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](#)

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

Free conference to develop nurse leadership in Primary Care Networks (PCN's)

General Practice nurses working in the North East region are invited to a free conference which aims to unleash their talents to support the development of Primary Care Networks.

The event takes place on **19 November 2019** at the Novotel, York Centre. It is sponsored by NHS England and NHS Improvement through the [GP Nursing 10 Point Plan Programme](#) and is for General Practice Nurses, Advanced Nurse Practitioners, and Health Care Support Workers based in GP practices. PCN Clinical Directors and their deputies are also invited to attend. Places are limited and can be booked now at: <https://www.events.england.nhs.uk/events/regional-round-table-event-york-71875>

The event will include 'round table' discussions which will help to shape initiatives to develop General Practice nursing into an attractive long-term career option with increased opportunities for training and development.

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](#).

Improving Dementia Care Conference – Tuesday 11 February 2020

This conference will feature exemplary case studies of best practice across health, social care, housing, local government and communities. From successful integrated care models, creating dementia friendly communities, to carer support and public awareness promotions. You will also explore considerations for expanding and upskilling the dementia care workforce and will hear views and opinions directly from people living with dementia and their carers.

Key Points

- What next after the Challenge on Dementia 2020?
- Raising dementia awareness, promoting healthier lifestyles and preventative treatment to reduce risk
- Integrating health, housing and social care to provide holistic support
- Supporting carers and people with dementia to live at home for longer
- Workforce considerations for dementia care
- Creating dementia friendly communities

Book your place: <https://westminsterinsight.com/booking/3443/YYENZO-864486>

View the agenda: <https://westminsterinsight.com/event/3443/YYENZO-864486>

SAFEGUARDING

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