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**Things you need to know...**

**Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care Board (ICB)- update**

Three new executives and four new Non-Executive Members have been appointed to the Coventry and Warwickshire ICB. The successful candidates bring a wealth of knowledge, skills and experience to their new roles.

We are continuing to bring together an executive team which is committed to working together to ensure our services are high quality and meeting the priorities of our communities. Our new appointments to our Integrated Care Board are Madi Parmar

as Chief Finance Officer, Dr Angela Brady as Chief Medical Officer and Tracy Pilcher as Chief Nursing Officer. [Click here](#) to read the update in full.

### **Accelerating patient access to their GP-held records**

General practices were previously informed that from April there will be system changes for all practices using TPP and EMIS systems to provide all patients with easy access to their future health records. GPs will be informed of the go-live date (now expected summer 2022) with two months' notice and provided with resources to support preparations.

Educational sessions have been held to support staff with this change. Over 40% of practices have already attended at least one webinar, [with further places available throughout May and June.](#)

[Read further information about the change](#) or [contact the team](#) if you have any questions.

### **Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy Self Referral form**

South Warwickshire Foundation NHS Trust have updated the Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy Self Referral form and this will improve how the form can be completed and submitted to the Therapies Department, this change took place on Tuesday 10 May 2022. The form is now fully electronic and once completed, can be submitted directly back to the team, with



no need to email or post the referral form. The form can be accessed by [clicking here](#), this gives you the referral criteria and the access to complete the form. We have attached a poster should you wish to display this within your surgery. For any queries, please do not hesitate to contact [Therapies@swft.nhs.uk](mailto:Therapies@swft.nhs.uk).

### **Identification of genetically-related vaccine-like poliovirus type 2 (PV2) in London sewage**

Please [see here](#) warning note re identification of poliovirus (PV2) and the importance of achieving 85% uptake in DTaP/IPV/Hib/Hep B vaccine.

### **Cervical Screening Update - Sample Turnaround Times**

[This letter](#) provides an update with the latest turnaround times for cervical screening samples sent to RWT laboratory.

### **Primary Care Campaign materials for practices to display**

As you may be aware, Coventry and Warwickshire CCG has launched a public information campaign to help local people understand how their GP practice works, what types of appointments are on offer and what kind of healthcare professionals work there.

The campaign aims to support patients by informing them about what the primary care offer is, the benefits of multi-disciplinary team (MDT) working and that they may not always see their GP. [Click here](#) to read more and view the campaign materials.

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### **Dates for your diary...**

#### **General Practice Event**

**Thursday 19 May 2022, 6pm-9pm**

The event is aimed at trainees and newly qualified GPs to help them



understand the opportunities and support available to them as they embark on their career in general practice. It is being held on Thursday 19 May from 6-9pm and has been developed in partnership with NHS England, Health Education England, the GMC and RCGP. More information and registration for the event can be [found here](#).

### Hope Programme

#### For Multiple Sclerosis, Wednesday 15 June

This programme is a free 6-week online course, facilitated by trained community volunteers with lived experience of MS. [Click here](#) for more information.

#### For long Covid, Wednesday 22 June 2022

This programme is a free self-management course, to help you cope with fatigue, anxiety and brain fog. [Click here](#) for more information.

### Organised Visit to Leamington and Warwick Gurdwara

#### Friday 20 May, 12.00-2.00pm

This visit has been organised by the CCG EDI network for CCG staff to gain more of an understanding and awareness around the Sikh Religion. [This film](#) made by Warwickshire County Council provides a good insight as to what the visit will include. Please [click here](#) to book your place.



### Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Training Opportunities for Primary Care May 2022

There are three events that have been organised by the CCG EDI Staff network who are extending their invitation to Primary Care. [Click here](#) to read more.

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### Important updates/ reminders...

#### Quality Matters - Issue 6

[Click here](#) to view the monthly newsletter brought to Primary Care by CWCCG Quality Leads.

#### Immunisation Newsletter

This [newsletter](#) contains important updates for those involved in delivering immunisation services. It is primarily aimed at immunisation providers but should also be of interest to wider stakeholders.

#### Shingles Vaccination

There have recently been two separate incidents where patients were incorrectly administered the live shingles vaccine (Zostavax) despite being on biologic treatment for rheumatoid arthritis and therefore contra-indicated. It should have been Shingrix as a two dose schedule. **If clinicians are in doubt please discuss with the patients specialist.** Please see [Shingles Toolkit here](#).



#### Consultant Connect Service Reminder

Did you know that you can earn CPD credits through using the Consultant Connect App for Advice & Guidance? CPD statements can be downloaded directly from the app or dashboard and sent straight to your email. Please refer to [this guide](#) for more information.

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## Medicine Management...

### Medicines Matter Newsletter

There is no Medicines Matter newsletter for this edition.



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## Things you may find useful...

### Leadership programmes

[Click here](#) to see a range of different leadership programmes available for staff.

### General Practice/111 Signposting Survey

NHS England and NHS Improvement want your views on how patients who are currently signposted to their GP should be directed. This will allow them to explore how to better streamline the system to work for both yourselves and patients.

The survey can be [accessed here](#), and should take no longer than 10-15 minutes to complete. The survey is anonymous and will close on 1 June 2022. If you have any questions about the content or wish to discuss this issue in greater depth then please do contact [england.uectransformation.midlands@nhs.net](mailto:england.uectransformation.midlands@nhs.net).

### Primary Care BAME Women Sponsorship Programme letter

The [Primary Care BAME Women Sponsorship Programme letter](#) is endorsed by the Regional Director. The purpose of the letter is to inform ICSs about the Primary Care BAME Women Sponsorship Programme and ask you for your active support.

Programme Outcomes:

- Tackle issues raised in the Race and Staff Survey and WRES. ICSs have committed to address equitable representation in leadership positions.
- Develop the career and leadership potential, retention and progression of Primary Care BAME women, who are under-represented in leadership roles.
- Address population health inequalities by ensuring diversity in decision-making roles.
- Build a more diverse and inclusive workforce in which contributions from all staff members are valued, which is directly linked to good patient care.

For more information [click here](#) to view slides from the Welcome Event in April 2022.

### Domestic Abuse Advocate Educator News

To view the second edition of the Domestic Abuse newsletter, [click here](#).

### Midlands Diabetes Prevention Newsletter

In [this edition](#) the newsletter, you can read about the following:

- NHS DPP referral and number of attendances to first session in the Midlands
- NHS DPP Face to Face Resumption Guidance
- NHS DPP Update on timeframes for blood result eligibility
- Farrah from Leicestershire's experience as a patient attending NHS DPP
- Practice case study– Rising Brook

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