



Primary Care Connect

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HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT

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Dear colleagues,

We know how important online consultations have become in our work, especially with so many of us seeing a huge increase in patients using it as a way to get in touch with practices – and rightly so.

However, we know this is creating additional work for practices to get through and there's definitely merit in thinking about how we deliver online consultations consistently across our Hampshire and Isle of Wight ICS footprint, so that patients can receive the best service and it does not burden our staff.

We are in the process of re-procuring our online consultation delivery platform, and to help make an informed decision, GPs and practice managers are invited to attend a live online discussion event.

There will be a panel made up of Scott Porter, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Digital Access Project Lead, Emily Harwood- Senior Procurement Manager, along with myself.



We will be on hand to clarify the upcoming procurement of online consultation systems, help practices/PCNs to understand the implications of large-scale vs local procurements and enable a PCN level decision on their procurement preference.

In order to keep the discussion flowing, we ask if those who are joining could do so with cameras and microphones turned off, and any questions or comments are posted in the chat bar. This will help us capture all questions and be able to respond in a timely way.

The event will be recorded and shared after the session is over, along with a question and answer sheet covering the key points.

The event takes place on Wednesday 20 October from 6.30pm to 7.30pm – [you can access the event here.](#)

A [slide pack including information regarding the webinar](#) may be viewed prior to the webinar.

Questions can be submitted in advance of the webinar, please send these to hsiccg.hiowocvcprocurement@nhs.net

Additional information including an FAQ page and an updated slide pack will be shared after the webinar.

We encourage as many GPs, PCN clinical directors and practice managers to join and get involved in the discussion. A short survey will be shared after the session for practices/PCNs to indicate their preference on how they would like to procure the service. More details on that will follow.

Thank you for your time and look forward to seeing as many of you who are able to make it next week.

Dr Sunil Rathod, GP IT Lead

North and Mid Hampshire - Hampshire Southampton and Isle of Wight CCG, working with Portsmouth as we become an Integrated Care System

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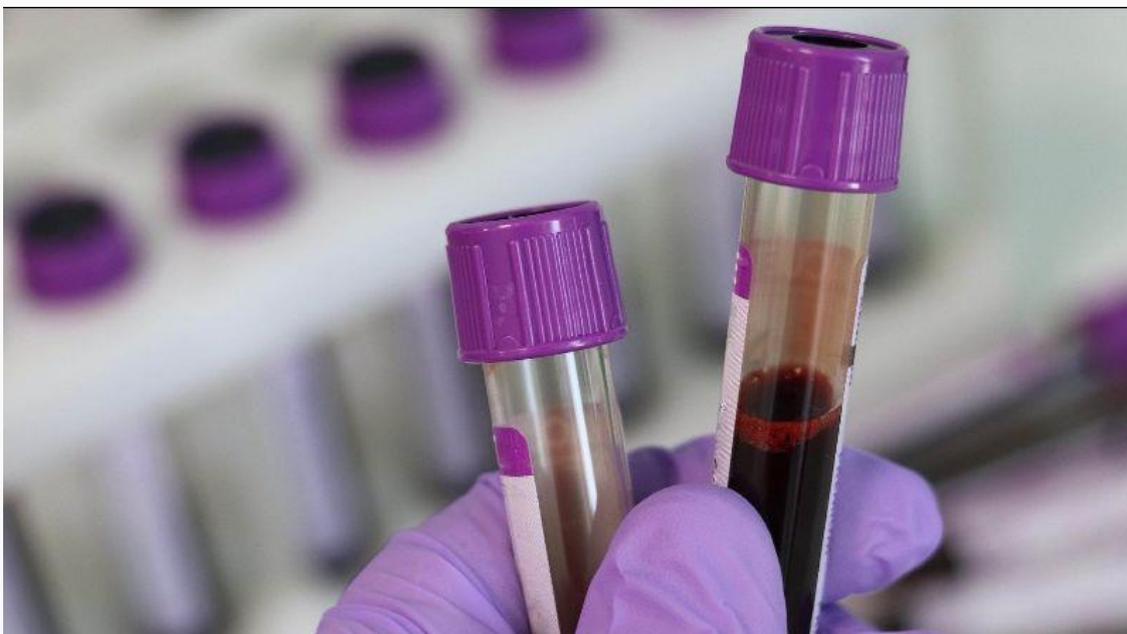
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Blood tube update letter from NHS England and Improvement



NHS England and Improvement [have issued a letter](#) providing an update on the Becton Dickinson blood specimen collection supply disruption.

Due to the mitigations in place and the efforts of colleagues across the NHS the

supply situation has stabilised but with supplies not yet back at normal levels.

To reflect the current position, and to avoid putting further pressure on stock, as the situation continues to recover, the following changes to the guidance issued on 16 September can take place from today:

- Testing activity in acute trusts, community hospitals and mental health trusts, in line with the best practice guidance can, local stocks permitting, resume.
- GP teams should continue to follow the best practice guidance.
- The situation reporting established for acute trusts, community hospitals and mental health trusts will now move to a weekly collection, taking place on Tuesdays.
- Organisations are reminded to continue to order little and often during this period of recovery and to restock gradually.
- Organisations should regularly review their stock holding and upcoming planned care requirements and aim to re-stock with one week's worth of tubes based on demand in June and July 2021.

Update about new NHS Cervical Screening Management System



NHS England and Improvement has shared an update about the new NHS Cervical Screening Management System which will replace the current call/recall IT system for the NHS Cervical Screening Programme.

NHS Digital is designing and developing a safe and stable new system and we are working at pace to support them.

In the interest of clinical safety, which is a priority throughout this process, it has been agreed that further time is needed to develop and test the new system to ensure that it can be deployed safely.

It has therefore been agreed to postpone the launch of the new system from 30 October 2021. NHS Digital is working on a revised timing plan, which will be communicated as soon as it has been confirmed.

All organisations are expected to continue to complete a number of IT pre-requisites to prepare for the new system and we have included a recap of these requirements in this [letter](#).

We would like to thank all organisations who have completed the technical requirements so far. Information about the training requirements will be made available in due course.

Guidance notes on security updates for PCs and laptops



All practices are kindly requested to disseminate the attached document from Healthcare Computing to all staff members.

While good progress has been made, a sizeable number of machines across the area are still not receiving security updates in a timely manner leaving them vulnerable to cyber-attack. Practices co-operation to resolve this matter is greatly appreciated.

Southern Health changes boundaries for learning disabilities services



As part of Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust's Learning Disabilities transformation programme, the trust is re-aligning the boundaries to some of its services so they are in line with the Primary Care Network (PCN) areas.

This will ensure a more locally responsive approach to the provision of health care.

This work begins with the re-alignment of some areas currently within the trust's South East Hampshire Community Learning Disability team to its North Hampshire Community Learning Disability team. This will affect people with a learning disability who are currently registered with a GP at the following practices:

- Wilson Practice
- Chawton Park
- Boundaries Surgery
- Bentley Village Surgery

From 18 October 2021, patients with a learning disability registered at these

practices, who require support from a Community Learning Disability Health team will be referred to the North and Mid Hampshire Community Learning Disability team rather than the South East Hampshire Community Learning Disability team.

Southern Health is engaging with those affected by this change and if you have any questions, please email [Louise Noyce](mailto:Louise.Noyce).

Changes to Solent vaccine site opening times



The opening hours for each of the mass vaccination sites run by Solent NHS Trust for walk-in COVID-19 first and second doses have changed.

The best place to direct people to is the [grab a jab website](#) which details all of the walk-in options for first and second doses.

Walk-in appointments for boosters are not currently being offered so people need to wait until they receive their invitation and follow the instructions given.

Social media assets promoting practice

appointments given in August



Each month NHS Digital release a number of statistics related to [GP practice appointment data](#).

The communications and engagement team have created these interactive social media assets highlighting a range of data for across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. The figures relate to August 2021.

These assets have been shared on the Hampshire, Southampton and Isle of Wight CCG social media feeds, and are [available for you to download and use too](#).

How to submit a story for the bulletin - we want your news!



Welcome to our new-look bulletin - we hope you are finding it useful!

If you have any content you would like to see included in Primary Care Connect then we would love to hear from you.

When you submit a story please provide the following:

- **A short headline**
- **A few paragraphs to say what the story is**
- **Clearly include any links or documents that accompany the piece**
- **A suitable image or a suggestion of the type of image to go with the piece**

Deadline for content is **midday Tuesday**. Items submitted after this will be considered as to whether it needs to be included in the following day's bulletin, or if it can be held for an extra week.

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