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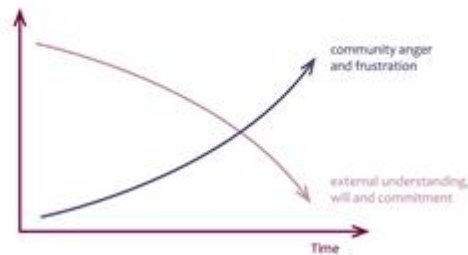
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Dear colleagues,

The length of this pandemic and the impact it is having on us and the communities we serve was predicted by the learning from other international disasters which was helpfully shared by the Kings Fund in February 2021.

We know we shared it recently, but we felt it is worth sharing again, particularly following the recent response to the NHSE Winter Access letter which we are still working through together. When words seem inadequate - this picture helps to tell our story.

In the early stages after an event there is an abundance of public commitment, will and promises made by public figures. These decline over time whilst anger felt by communities increases as expectations are not met and stress and frustration take their toll.



We hear and understand the very real emotions of disillusionment, frustration, anger, pressure and exhaustion.

We recognise that there has been no time for our health and care community to heal/ recover (and we wish it was different). The complexity of demand and capacity, access, patients' experience of their NHS services and the adapting primary care service in our different communities need careful thought and handling.

We want to use this moment in time (and any resources offered) to keep listening, learning and supporting. There are no easy answers and we are committed to working together.

Across all our geographies the local Primary Care Teams and GP leaders including Zaid Hirmiz (South East Hampshire), Karl Graham (South West Hampshire), Michele Legg (Isle of Wight), Sarah Young (Southampton), Charlotte Hutchings (North and Mid Hampshire) and Elizabeth Fellows (Portsmouth) will always choose a collaborative, supportive approach to the challenges and opportunities we face.

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**Online consultations webinar available to
watch**



A [recording of the webinar](#) discussing the re-procurement of our online consultation delivery platform is now available for people to view.

The [remote consultations page on the GP portal](#) also includes the following documents for you to read:

- Online consultation procurement presentation slides
- Online consultation pre-webinar slide pack
- Frequently asked questions document

You can also take a look at the following documents online:

- [Digital First Online Consultation and Video Consultation \(DFOCVC\) Framework](#)
- [Provider demonstrations](#)

If you have any questions or comments, or if you are unable to view the recording, then please contact hsiccg.hiowocvcprocurement@nhs.net

Healthwatch Hampshire invites GP practice

staff to share views



This autumn, local Healthwatch groups from across the south of England are working together on a project looking at access to GP practices and services.

An important element of this work is ensuring feedback from GP practice staff is also taken on board to understand:

- **How their role has changed during the COVID-19 pandemic**
- **What practices do well**
- **What challenges practices face**

Healthwatch has worked alongside GP practices to jointly develop this survey.

All feedback is anonymous, so Healthwatch can safely share learning with people, commissioners and primary care providers.

Please [share your experiences](#) via the 10-minute survey.

**Hampshire selected as pilot Joint
Targeted Area Inspection (JTAI) area**



Hampshire has been selected as one of four pilot areas to undertake a Joint Targeted Area Inspection (JTAI) in November.

The focus of the inspection will be on the front door – that is the working of the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) and application of thresholds and will take place from November 1 to November 18.

On 1 November all partners, including primary care, will receive a request to audit a sample of children's cases. The request will come to you from the safeguarding team.

They will work with you and could complete the audit tool with you over the phone, which is likely to take 45 minutes.

The team acknowledges that the workload is exceptionally high at the moment and we will do all we can to minimise the impact.

The formal inspection includes two Care Quality Commission inspectors who would like to meet two GPs to talk about this work. If you are interested in taking part then [please contact Susan Walters](#).

For more information please [read this letter](#) and [presentation](#).

Clarity on number of COVID-19 vaccination doses for very immunosuppressed patients



It has come to the attention of the COVID-19 vaccination team that there is some confusion over the number of doses given to very immunosuppressed patients.

For some patients, they will require three doses before an additional fourth booster dose.

The team has created an easy [aide memoire](#) to help primary care staff navigate the differing vaccine schedules which includes a third dose for severely immunocompromised individuals, not including the booster vaccine.

Please can you ensure that all of your team are aware of this so that patients who are eligible for the third vaccine are not turned away.

**Health Education England Wessex Primary
Care Fellowships 2021/22 - applications open**



Health Education England Wessex and Thames Valley School of Primary Care welcomes expressions of interest from GPs and primary care team members, working within primary care in Wessex and the Thames Valley for primary care fellowships.

There are 21 fellowship posts in total, which are separate from the Primary Care New to Practice Fellowships.

The fellowship includes two funded sessions per week for one year:

- Paid through your employing practice
- Start in post January 2022
- Work areas in Wessex:
 - Outreach - Wessex Primary Care Training Hubs (2 posts)
 - Supporting international graduate GP trainees (4 posts, one in each GP training patch)
 - Health equality trailblazer (six posts across Wessex & Thames Valley)

Further details are covered in the [information pack](#).

The deadline for applications is **9am on Monday 8 November 2021**.

For any questions about Wessex posts please email Katie.Collins@hee.nhs.uk

**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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