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Primary Care Connect

THE WEEKLY PRIMARY CARE UPDATE FOR
HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT

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Dear colleagues,

You will remember the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care introduced the [COVID-19 Control of Patient Information agreement](#) which meant that patient data could be used to plan and respond to the pandemic.

As the pandemic went on the agreement was renewed a number of times and most recently on 30 September, 2021.

Our CCGs have been able to access the data in pseudonymised format for COVID-19 purposes only and this will continue until the end of March 2022.

We need to make you aware of this renewal for transparency purposes. You do not need to do anything.

We will keep you informed of what happens beyond April 2022.



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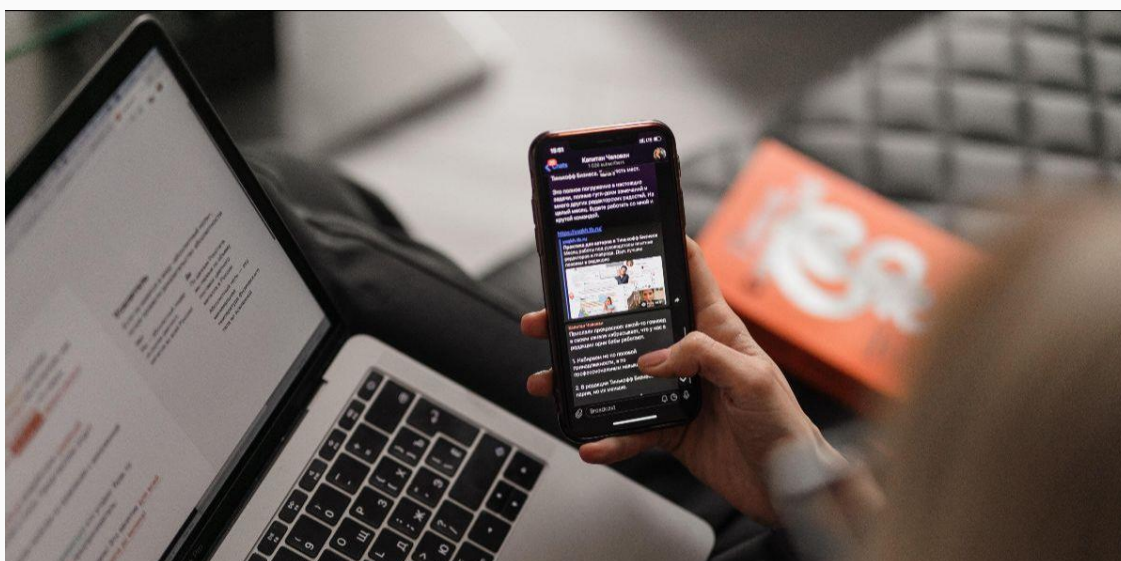
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New website launches for LocumDeck



GPs working in Hampshire and on the Isle of Wight can now get fully-funded National Association for Sessional GPs (NASGP) membership until 31 January 2024.

When a GP confirms a session at a participating practice on LocumDeck, NASGP will automatically give them NASGP Membership Plus until 31 January 2024, including LocumDeck access.

GPs can post their own availability and see availability requests from dozens of local practices as part of the offer.

As part of the same scheme, GPs can also enjoy fully-funded membership of a new NASGP Locum Chambers launching next month.

Funded membership is supported through a partnership between NASGP and NHS Hampshire, Southampton and Isle of Wight Clinical Commissioning Group.

Practices can also be able to sign up free to LocumDeck in order to find and book locum GPs.

To find out more www.nasgp.org.uk/hampshire-iow/

Healthier Together urgent care app drop-in sessions



Coughs
Cold
Fever
Asthma
Earache
Abdominal pain
Head injury
Rashes
Conjunctivitis
Bronchiolitis
Croup

Visit: what0-18.nhs.uk



Healthier Together
Improving the health of children
and young people

A series of drop-in sessions to give people the opportunity to ask questions they have about the Healthier Together urgent care app sign-up process are available.

People are welcome to join any of the below sessions, which will take place over Microsoft Teams from 1pm to 1.30pm:

- [Monday 7 February](#)
- [Tuesday 8 February](#)
- [Thursday 10 February](#)
- [Friday 11 February](#)
- [Monday 14 February](#)
- [Tuesday 15 February](#)
- [Wednesday 16 February](#)
- [Friday 18 February](#)

Serious Shortage Protocol issued for paracetamol suppositories



NHS England and Improvement want to make primary care aware that a Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP) has been issued for paracetamol 120mg and 240mg suppositories.

The SSP will enable community pharmacists in England and Wales to supply patients with 1 x 125mg paracetamol suppository OR 1 x 250mg paracetamol suppository.

This is now [available to view on the NHS Business Service Authority's dedicated SSP web page](#), along with supporting guidance.

The SSP came into effect on Tuesday 25 January 2022 and is currently due to expire on Friday 18 February 2022.

Should this change, the SSP will be updated accordingly and published on this page.

If you have any questions regarding the SSPs please contact the NHS Prescription Service by:

Email: nhsbsa.prescriptionservices@nhsbsa.nhs.uk

Telephone: 0300 330 1349

Textphone: 18001 0300 330 1349

eConsult to enable proxy access for patients



Online consultation company eConsult will shortly be enabling its proxy access feature, allowing a friend or family member to submit a form on behalf of a patient.

The submitter must provide their own contact details and their relationship to the patient, alongside the patient's details. When an eConsult has been submitted by a proxy, this will be clearly highlighted in both the email sent to the practice and the report; the report will also include the contact details provided by the proxy.

The feature will be turned on by default for all NHS practices once it goes live.

Having this feature is optional and can be switched off if your practice does not want it by [completing this form to opt-out](#).

You can [register for a 20-minute webinar](#) taking place on Tuesday 8 February which will give you more information about proxy access.

Employee Assistance

Programme here for you

HELPING YOU STAY WELL - SUPPORT FOR PRIMARY CARE



Sometimes it can be difficult to balance the pressures of work and home life. That's where extra health and wellbeing support can really help.

If you work in a GP surgery in Hampshire or the Isle of Wight, you now have access to a free Employee Assistance Programme (EAP) to help support you through any of life's issues.

You can use the service for:

- Low mood, stress or anxiety
- Financial concerns
- Legal advice
- Family issues and relationship advice
- Consumer issues
- Housing concerns
- Alcohol or drug issues, plus much more!

Call the free 24 hour helpline on 0800 028 0199 or visit www.healthassuredeap.com.

You can also install the 'My HealthyAdvantage' app for more support. Ask your manager for your log-in details.

Vaccination programme communications resources



The communications and engagement team is working with partners to develop local communications resources to support the outreach work for the vaccination programme.

These will complement, rather than replace, national assets and intend to support the outreach work being undertaken with our more vulnerable communities.

A [dedicated page on the Hampshire and Isle of Wight website](#) has been set up to enable these to be shared with those providing vaccine services and undertaking outreach activities are available.

Please note this page is not intended for the public but for partners to support their work with local communities.

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



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.

Please send content to hsiccg.gpportal@nhs.net

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