



Ebulletin 152 – June 2020

Never before has it been so challenging to keep up-to-date! News is coming out thick and fast every day to our trustees. We are including (as we have done on previous ebulletins) a set of news items from these which we feel are of most interest to GP Practices and their patients, calling it 'National news roundup'. However, there are quite a lot since our last update, and we apologise that some of these 'lists' may feel overwhelming.

1. N.A.P.P. Radio broadcast

In 2018 and 2019, N.A.P.P. trustees spent over three hours in the studio doing a series of live and pre-recorded interviews with a wide range of community radio stations throughout the UK. Some of the live recordings lasted as long as 15 minutes, generating lots of discussion. It was a new venture for N.A.P.P. but one that we felt was very successful. We were able to promote the importance of PPGs, share information about what PPGs can do and, importantly, publicise how members of the public can find out more about their own PPG. The total audience we reached exceeded 3.5 million listeners.

On Friday 19th June, we will repeat this experience. Our President, Patricia Wilkie, Chairman Folarin Majekodunmi and chair of a PPG, Gemma Jackson, will be on air taking calls and discussing all aspects of PPGs. Once edited, the final podcasts will be available on our YouTube channel, via our website. We will send out another note when they're up and available to listen to.

2. Drawing competition: "My Caring Hero" (for Children aged 7-10)



Entries are coming in thick and fast for our drawing competition. Please encourage children aged between 7-10 to take part, and remember that the closing date is 10 July and only the first 2000 entries received will be judged.

We are looking for artwork that celebrates our health and care heroes and their different jobs that give us a healthy and happy life.

More info [here](#)

3. National news roundup

Some of the items below will already be subject to further development and change. We have included the date and time of these that these items were published for your interest. We encourage you to keep yourselves up to date as well, by visiting the government website at www.gov.uk/coronavirus

10:44am, 15 June 2020

[Take up of new primary care network contract](#)

Almost all GP practices in England have signed up to the new Primary Care Network (PCN) contract for the next year, meaning they will receive a share of half a billion pounds a year of extra investment to employ more staff and deliver more services in or near to people's homes – a total investment of £1.4 billion by 23/24 to help deliver an extra 26,000 workforce roles.

10:36am, 12 June 2020

[Rise in unpaid carers during the coronavirus \(Covid-19\) outbreak](#)

The six Carers Week charities — Carers UK, Age UK, Carers Trust, Motor Neurone Disease Association, Oxfam GB and Rethink Mental Illness — have published research based on polling carried out by YouGov in May 2020 of 4,557 people over the age of 18 living in the UK.

14:49pm, 11 June 2020

[Top tips for running your virtual meeting](#)

Covid-19 has forced all of us to work differently in one way or another. We are using virtual platforms more than before and many meetings and workshops are now being managed in this way.

10:18am, 11 June 2020

[Convenient modern cancer treatment for patients](#)

Patients are being offered more convenient cancer treatment during the coronavirus pandemic, including chemotherapy buses and the fast track rollout of an innovative and life-saving type of radiotherapy.

10:12am, 11 June 2020

[Cervical screening update](#)

To support GP practices to respond to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the intervals at which invitation and reminder letters are issued for the NHS Cervical Screening Programme were extended.

10:36am, 10 June 2020

[Clinical negligence indemnity arrangements during the COVID-19 pandemic](#)

NHS Resolution has published guidance in relation to its indemnity schemes and claims management during the COVID-19 pandemic.

10:34am, 10 June 2020

[COVID-19 aftercare guidance](#)

Guidance has been published about the aftercare needs of inpatients recovering from COVID-19.

10:32am, 10 June 2020

[NHS launches new online support for people with diabetes](#)

New online tools for people living with diabetes are now available to help people manage their condition during the coronavirus pandemic.

10:26am, 9 June 2020

[Testing rolled out to all care homes in England](#)

Every care home in England will now be offered a coronavirus test for all residents and staff, even if they have no symptoms.

10:57am, 8 June 2020

[Thousands of patients to benefit from NHS At Home roll-out](#)

Thousands of patients with cystic fibrosis and dozens recovering from coronavirus are being given devices and apps so that medics can monitor their condition remotely, as part of the NHS drive to give more people connected, supported, personalised care in their own homes.

10:55am, 8 June 2020

[Children and young people community health services - updated guidance](#)

Community Health Services for children and young people should now review and restore their services in line with local capacity and need.

10:52am, 8 June 2020

[NHS Volunteer Responders - supporting patients in primary care and community health](#)

A new one-page guide sets out the different roles and tasks the NHS Volunteer Responders can do to support your patients.

10:51am, 8 June 2020

[COVID-19 tests offered to every care home for elderly or those with dementia](#)

Test kits have been offered to every care home for over-65s or those with dementia in England.

10:43am, 5 June 2020

[COVID-19 Physiotherapy Rehabilitation Guide](#)

The physiotherapy teams at the Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust have produced a physiotherapy guide for the rehabilitation of people suffering from and recovering from COVID-19.

10:11am, 5 June 2020

[Meeting the psychological needs of people with learning disabilities and their carers](#)

The British Psychological Society has issued guidance to support health and social care professionals to meet the psychological needs of people with learning and intellectual disabilities, their families and carers.

10:06am, 4 June 2020

[The NHS is here for you and your family - new primary care communications materials](#)

NHS England has added further communications materials to the Campaign Resource Centre to support the public message that the NHS is here for people and their families.

10:53am, 3 June 2020

[GP Standard Operating Procedure published](#)

The latest GP Standard Operating Procedure was published last week. (N.B. this is the 3rd version of this publication)

10:52am, 3 June 2020

[Principles of safe video consulting in general practice during COVID-19](#)

New guidance aimed at NHS general practice staff who are consulting via video with patients at home has been published.

10:48am, 3 June 2020

[Supporting carers during the COVID-19 pandemic](#)

During the COVID-19 pandemic, pharmacies have had to make necessary changes to their usual ways of working in order to ensure local communities can continue to access their medicines.

10:47am, 3 June 2020

[Appointments in General Practice](#)

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is having major effects on how GP practices manage their workload.

10:46am, 3 June 2020

[How do we secure more effective place-based primary care networks for the long-term?](#)

This paper considers how local partners in health, care and wellbeing services across the UK have responded to the coronavirus pandemic so far.

11:47am, 2 June 2020

[Top NHS doctor issues advice for children going back to school](#)

NHS England's top doctor for children and young people's mental health has urged parents to be alert to signs that children could be experiencing anxiety, distress or low mood as some pupils returned to school yesterday.

10:43am, 1 June 2020

[Antibody testing roll out for NHS staff and patients](#)

NHS England and Improvement announced how serology testing will be rolled out to both patients and NHS staff. The antibody testing programme will increase understanding on how the disease spreads. This will work alongside testing which confirms whether or not someone currently has the virus.

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