

BULLETIN

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Please share this information with GPs and other colleagues in your practice.

CQC Inspections

The satellite hubs and Clover practices have recently undergone inspections by CQC, all receiving a **Good** rating across all five dimensions (safe, effective, caring, responsive, well-led) for the quality of care. Thank you to everyone for your contributions to delivering the services and preparing for the inspection. The reports are [available here](#).

Clinical Pharmacy Programme

1. The first pharmacists will be in post from 24th January, and all those recruited so far will be in post by the end of February. Recruitment is currently underway for the remaining three posts. For more details, see [NHS jobs](#).
2. We now have agreement from NHS England that practices not already signed up will be able to join the programme at a later date should they wish to.

Contract extensions for PCS services

The CCG's Primary Care Commissioning Committee meeting in December approved an extension to contracts for the CASES pilot and satellite hubs to March 2019. These services will be retendered at some point; the timescale is yet to be confirmed.

Neighbourhood Learning Network

The next event of the Neighbourhood Learning Network takes place on Thursday 15th February 1.30pm-3.30pm. Please register on [Event Brite](#) if you would like to attend. This event will include a demonstration of a virtual ward multi-disciplinary team meeting. Please note: the 18th January event has been cancelled.

Satellite Hub Updates

1. Thank you to everyone who has been in touch regarding additional hub sites. A decision on the location of an additional two hub sites will be made by the end of January.
2. Additional capacity in the hubs will continue until the end of March.

Practice Communications

We are currently re-developing the PCS website to better reflect the range of our work and make it easier to find the information you need. The new website will also include a discussion board feature that will allow you to post questions or comments and share information with other Practice Managers, GPs, Practice teams and PCS.

Care Homes LCS

We recently contacted Practices regarding a potential model of working at scale to cover Care Homes. Thank you to Practices who have been in touch already to indicate whether this is

something you may be interested in, or to request further information. If you haven't yet responded, there is still time to do so by emailing pcs.enquiries@nhs.net

Nurse Audit and Appraisal Service

We now offer a Nurse Audit and Appraisal Service, provided by Nurse Practitioners. There are four options available:

1. Clinical system audit and report
2. Clinical system report and feedback session
3. Full audit and appraisal service
4. Clinical supervision.

More information is [available here](#).

Fertility update for Primary Care Clinicians

You are invited to an educational talk delivered by Mrs Rachel Cutting MBE, Principal Embryologist at Jessop Fertility.

15th February 2018, 2pm-3pm. Darnall Primary Care Centre

Jessop Fertility provides a range of assisted conception treatments to both NHS and self-funding patients, locally and regionally. The criteria and eligibility for couples accessing fertility treatment has recently changed.

The session will cover recent developments in fertility treatment and the services Jessop Fertility offers to patients.

The talk, which could be included in your CPD training programme, will include 2 presentations which will cover the referral pathways, NHS funding criteria and eligibility entitlements, assisted reproduction treatment options and the impact of the new technological advances on the service.

Jessop Fertility team has visited several practices and the presentations have been well received. Please register on [Event Brite](#) if you would like to attend this event.

24 hour ECG referrals

We recently circulated a new referral form to practices for 24 hour ECG referrals. Included in this new form are essential exclusion criteria, as pictured below:

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| Clinical details and relevant test results | |
| TSH | BP |
| HB | |
| Na | |
| K | |
| Confirm no pacemaker fitted (tick) <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Confirm criteria overleaf have been met (tick) <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 12-lead ECG result Tick | Normal <input type="checkbox"/> Abnormal <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Brief report (please attach if possible): | |
| Prescribed drugs: | |

In order to ensure we can process your referral in a timely manner, please ensure that all sections of the referral form including the highlighted exclusion criteria are completed.

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