



## Friday Fast Five – 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020

### 1. Covid-19

The Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for General Practice is available via this [link](#). We would urge you to make sure all staff are familiar with this, particularly pages 5-10, and that you have a process in place to ask patients the screening questions rather than directing them straight to 111. You can also direct patients to the 111 coronavirus website where they can answer the screening questions themselves (they can google "111 coronavirus" to find the link).

NHSEI have produced [the first of what are likely to be regular updates](#) related to the developing COVID-19 situation. It is being sent formally to practices by NHSEI. It includes the information that an initial stock of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) will be issued early next week to all practices and advice to change all face-to-face appointments booked online into triage appointments via telephone or video.

With regards to the changes to online booking, please also see the following document on "managing GP practice requests to suspend online booking of appointments". [Here](#).

### 2. GP Adviser: RCGP Primary Care Development Programme

RCGP are recruiting please [see here](#) for full details on their website.

### 3. Beds & Herts LMC Roadshows

These Roadshows are aimed at GPs and Practice Managers to hear national and local updates on the implications for general practice of the Contract agreement for 2020/2021 including the PCN DES.

#### Dates & Locations:

- Tuesday 31st March 2020: Three Lakes, Westmill Farm, Ware, Herts SG12 0ES
- Thursday 2nd April 2020: King's House Conference Centre, 245 Ampthill Road, Bedford, Beds MK42 9AZ
- Tuesday 21st April 2020: Tilsworth Golf & Conference Centre, Dunstable Road, Leighton Buzzard, Beds LU7 9PU
- Wednesday 29th April 2020: Shendish Manor Hotel & Golf, London Road, Hemel Hempstead, Herts HP3 0AA

**Timings:** All Roadshows will be from 7.15 - 9.30pm (with light refreshments from 6.45pm)

**How to book:** [Booking Form](#)

### 4. Events coming soon for GPs! Save the Dates

*Final details to be confirmed*

- **Level 3 Safeguarding Children & Adults Conference for Hertfordshire GPs & Nurses/Safeguarding Leads**  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 12.30 – 5.00pm, Robertson House, Stevenage  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 12.30 – 5.00pm, Focolare Centre, Welwyn Garden City  
November Date TBC, 12.30 – 5.00pm, Hemel Hempstead/Watford
- **Domestic Abuse Workshops for Herts GPs & Nurses**  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2.00 – 5.00pm, Panshanger Golf Club, Welwyn Garden City  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2.00 – 5.00pm, Stanborough Centre, Watford
- **Mental Health Updates for GPs**  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 12.00 – 5.00pm, HPFT, Hatfield
- **Pension Update for GPs**  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June, 7.00pm - 9.00pm, Novotel Stevenage

You can express interest, make suggestions for courses or register on our mailing list for all and/or specific education events [here](#).

### 5. BHLMC Training and Education - Places for our April – June 2020 course need to be booked now. We still have spaces available. Please go to the [website](#) to view information and find the link to the online booking forms for each course.

**For up to date news, information and events, please visit our website [www.bedshertslmcs.org.uk](http://www.bedshertslmcs.org.uk)**