

Medical Director's Notes

You may have seen, in the papers and the television, that the report on Jack Last was published (<https://tinyurl.com/mr3s2fdw>). Jack was administered an AZ vaccine at the Fed's Trinity Park centre on 30 March 2001. He sadly died on 20 April from Vaccine Induced Thrombocytopenia (VITT). The Fed published this statement in response to the report:



Suffolk GP Federation express our profound sympathy to the family of Jack. He was clearly a valued and much-loved family member.

During the Covid pandemic, Suffolk GP Federation delivered approximately 200,000 vaccinations, to the residents of Suffolk, on behalf of 28 GP practices. As people will recall, this period was rapidly changing, complex and unpredictable with a task of vaccinating as many people as possible in the shortest possible time. The circumstances in which a GP Federation clinician vaccinated Jack is covered in detail within the report.

The Federation welcome the report and we will ensure we draw lessons from it.

Suffolk & North East Essex General Practice Collaborative - project

The SNEE GP Collaborative is a GP owned and managed group bringing together Suffolk & Essex LMCs, two federations, clinical director and our two GP Integrated Care Board reps. It has been running for eighteen months.

The Collaborative is leading a local project to understand how general practice is perceived in the SNEE system and what adaptations we might need for the future. The reasons for the project are:

- The influence of general practice, nationally and locally, has been on a long-term downward trend for two decades. This is reflected in NHS resources invested in general practice declining relatively v secondary care.
- There is a lack of trust at lots of different levels e.g. ICB/acutes and general practice.
- The 'mood music' from Wes Streeting & NHSE recognises the need to rebalance resources to GP & community to prepare for the coming future aging demographics landscape. This approach is called via 'Future Shift'
- There are indications general practice needs to address these issues to turn these opportunities into real benefits.

The project will be gathering views and bringing these to a workshop for clinical directors, LMC committees, the two fed boards and PM representatives on 8 and 9 November.

Launch of Iris - Community Sexual Assault Service

GP Fed is launching, in October, Iris an NHSE funded service to support individuals, any age, make a positive recovery following sexual assault. The assault can have happened at any time in their life and does not have to have been reported to the police. It also supports those affected by another person's assault e.g. parent/partner/friend etc.



Individuals are supported by an advocate and uses partners for forensic capture, emergency contraception, testing for blood borne viruses/sexually transmitted infections and counselling.

A briefing note will be going to practices. Referrals via DXS or self-referral via 01473 921 824 (online self-referral coming).

Fellow AI

Fellow AI summarises meeting discussion and sets-out action points thus removing the role of an administrator. The Fed is using Fellow in a limited way e.g. for the Board.

There are two issues using Fellow in practice. It does not currently work with NHS mail as the meeting organiser. We are trying to solve this but it involves NHSE. Also, there are some final DPO issues outstanding. Once resolved we will set-up training as care is needed setting it up.

Heidi AI

This is consultation transcription service and GPs who have tried it are very positive. The 'consultation module' has some particularly complicated consent issues including the legal basis for processing personal data. GP Fed's Digital Governance Group continues to ask clinicians not to use Heidi AI until these are resolved.

News in brief

- **New Ipswich Emergency Department** – this has now opened with the Fed running the primary care element called the UECC. Patients are met at the front door by a Fed streaming nurse
- **NHSE PCN pilots** – Barrack Lane & Ivry Street PCN are participating in the NHSE pilot along with PCNs around Clacton. In Ipswich they will be focusing on four initiatives – reducing pressure on the practices, protocolising blood results, managing CKD jointly with the hospital and frailty. We will share learning as it emerges.

GP Support Hub (via info@thegphub.org)

- **Please vote** - GP Support Hub have been shortlisted for TWO awards; Digital Solutions Provider and Healthcare Practitioner Education Programme provider of the year! A huge thank you to our amazing team and partners at the ICB, SNEE Training Hub and Suffolk GP Federation for their continued support. Please vote for us! [Supplier Voting General Practice Awards 2024 \(swoogo.com\)](https://www.swoogo.com)
- **Our 'Evening with...!' sessions** start with Dr Farzana Hussain on November 6th from 19 – 20:30. Covering implementing total triage and online consultations. Book via <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/990581494917?aff=oddtcreator>
- **Paediatric case review** 3rd Thursday of every month, 13:00 – 13:45 hosted by WSH Consultant Paediatrician, Dr Lakshman. This is a case study based discussion group and to join email [info@thegphub.org.uk](mailto:info@thegphub.org)
- **Visa sponsor practices** – please don't forget that you can reclaim all costs to become a sponsor practice for International GPs. Email us at the Hub for more information. (We also reimburse visa costs for the GP)