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| **Referrals for Lost Threads & IUS for non-contraceptive reasons:**Please view an important update on the referral pathway [here](https://www.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk/professional-resources/documents/gp-weekly-bulletin/2019/December/04/referrals-for-lost-threads-ultrasound.docx) including ultrasound no longer required before lost threads referral.  Queries to OCCG.plannedcare@nhs.net. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_****NHS England screening & immunisations (Thames Valley) Pneumococcal update:** Between June 2016 and April 2017, in Thames Valley there were 3 deaths due to invasive pneumococcal disease among children with clinical risk factors. Two of these children were not optimally vaccinated. The green book identifies those who are high risk for contracting pneumococcal disease and how they should be vaccinated, as they require additional vaccination alongside the routine immunisation programme. Please see the email circulated to all practices on 2/12/19 from Public Health summarising the pneumococcal chapter in the green book, identifying the high risk patients, how they should be vaccinated in primary care. The summary also highlights changes coming into effect from January 2020 regarding the routine immunisation of pneumococcal.If you have any queries, please contact england.tvatpublichealth@nhs.net .**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_****NHS e-Referral system, Mental Health Services:** In January OHFT will commence access to Mental Health services on e-RS using the Referral Assessment Service functionality (RAS). The Services will be phased with the initial areas being CAMHS in Oxfordshire, Learning Disabilities in North Oxfordshire and AMHT in Oxford City. Further Mental Health Services will follow across Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire during the New-Year. We will communicate further updates and changes as the schedule is formalised. We are currently updating existing FAQs/help documents to reflect information from Oxford Health. At this stage a decision has not been made as to if/when a Paper Switch Off might be commenced for Mental Health services, but we will keep all practices informed of any changes. As always, thank you for your excellent use of e-Referrals across the county.If you have any further concerns or questions, please feel free to contact OCCG on **occg.ers@nhs.net** where we will be happy to help.For more information:* OCCG’s website has several training guides and FAQs for reference – [**click here**](http://www.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk/professional-resources/ers-referrals.htm)
* NHS Digital also has training documents for referrers – [**click here**](https://digital.nhs.uk/services/nhs-e-referral-service/referrers/training-for-referrers)
* If you would like some advice or assistance regarding any other e-RS issues, please contact **occg.ers@nhs.net**

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