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This is the latest round-up of information for GP practices, produced by South East London CCG. Should you have any questions or need advice, contact your local borough primary care team in the first instance; they will escalate anything they can't resolve to south east London's Coronavirus co-ordination centre.

Please check for any borough-specific information, which will be attached to this bulletin by your borough primary care commissioning team.

Flu vaccination programme

'Just' the flu?

A national multi-channel campaign started this week to encourage vulnerable groups to get a flu vaccination.

It's the largest flu campaign ever launched by the NHS and here, at the South East London CCG, we're keen to do whatever we can to help spread the message locally.

We'll be sending out regular tweets and updates about the campaign via our Twitter page: @NHSSELondonCCG

So it's definitely worth following us, and we promise to follow you back.

And if you need any resources like social media banners, leaflets and posters please use this [link](#) (NB you need an NHS email address to access).

If you want translations of social media resources or copy to put on your website, please see our dedicated [winter health webpage](#).

If there is anything else you need please email: selccg.communications@nhs.net

We're here to help.

Helping children who miss school flu vaccinations

If a child has missed a school vaccination and presents at a practice requesting the nasal flu vaccine, normally given in school, this [letter](#) from NHS London provides contact details for providers across London who can help. If you have any queries about this information please contact their team directly: england.londonimms@nhs.net

Managing expectations amongst the 50-64 year-old cohort

Multiple practices have reported that 50-64 year olds are trying to book flu vaccinations. The national flu comms lead has prepared a statement that GPs can use to make it clear that 50-64 year olds will not be eligible for vaccination until November at the earliest, and only then if there are adequate supplies of vaccine available.

For ease of reference, the messaging is copied here:

“Please note that people in the 50-64 year old age group will not be vaccinated until November or December, subject to there being sufficient vaccines available. No appointments will be offered to this age group until then. This is to ensure that those who are most at risk of flu are vaccinated first. If you are age 50-64 and you are in one of the other cohorts which are eligible for the flu vaccination, for example if you have a health condition which puts you at risk from the flu, you will be invited earlier.”

If you have any queries on this please contact the London Immunisation Team directly: england.londonimms@nhs.net

Latest news

New bulletin update on Covid-19 testing

Please find [a new weekly update](#) on testing for primary care staff in South East London, provided by the SEL Covid-19 Testing and Vaccination Delivery Team.

Advice for staff using the NHS Covid-19 app

The DHSC and NHS Test and Trace have asked us to share a [handy guide](#) for staff on using the app in health and social care settings, with helpful advice on when and how to pause the contact tracing function.

Virtual seminars and conferences

Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

Guy's and St Thomas' have two upcoming virtual seminars for GPs and practice nurses.

Update on child obesity

1:30 to 2.30pm, Tuesday 20 October

Clinical Lead for Obesity Service Development Project, Jennie Crossan, and Lead Paediatric Dietitian, Julia Hopkins, both present this webinar.

This event counts for one CPD point and a certificate of attendance will be sent to you. To reserve a place [click here](#)

Update on maternity care for GPs and practice nurses

1:30 to 2.30pm, Friday 6 November

Dr Manju Chandiramani, Consultant Obstetrician and Clinical Lead for Maternity Assessment Unit at Guy's and St Thomas', would like to invite you to a one hour interactive virtual seminar where you will learn how to improve the patient referrals and the management of antenatal and postnatal care. Questions will be taken at the end of the talk.

This event counts for one CPD point. Instructions on how to join the seminar via Bluejeans will be sent to you in a separate email. To book your attendance [click here](#)

King's Health Partners Annual Conference

King's annual conference will be held this year online from 13 to 14 October.

It will see the launch of their new five-year plan, 'Delivering Better Health for all through High-Impact Innovation'.

The conference will cover a broad spectrum of renowned speakers sharing their views on how it will drive real benefit to patients and communities.

[You can use this link to register online](#)

King's Health Partners primary care webinar series

The South East London Cancer Alliance is hosting a series of webinars to support the delivery of the Early Diagnosis Primary Care Network Direct Enhancement Service as part of our Primary Care Cancer Education Work Plan.

1 to 2pm, Thursday 8 October

Book a place [here](#)

Hear about the primary care Covid-19 response in south east London, what they learnt and what it means for the future.

1 to 2pm, Wednesday 21 October

Book a place [here](#)

Information from acute and mental health providers

e-RS update

The latest versions of the documents outlining changes to referrals at our acute hospitals are below. Latest updates and key messages to practices are in red:

[GSTT Acute \(updated 30/09\)](#)

[King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust \(updated 15/09\)](#)

Cancer updates

South East London Cancer Alliance

[Cancer Updates for GPs - 7 October 2020](#)

Summit Study

South east London practices are being encouraged to take part in the largest lung cancer study of its kind in the UK.

The main aims of the study are to detect lung cancer early, using the proven method of low dose CT (LDCT) screening of at risk individuals, and to support the development of a new blood test for early detection of lung and other cancers.

In addition, the study will provide evidence to inform a future national lung cancer screening programme.

People aged 55 -77 who currently smoke or who have smoked regularly in the past are being invited to participate.

You can find out more in this [booklet](#) for practices.

And your practice can register for the study [here](#)

Transforming Cancer Services Team for London (TCST)

For latest TCST information about urgent urology referrals for suspected cancer please [click here](#)

Medicines management

Launch of the Pan-London Symptom Control Medicines Authorisation and Administration (MAAR) Chart

The End of Life Care Clinical Network (NHS England and NHS Improvement, London Region), has launched a unified MAAR chart and policy documents that can be used by all providers of palliative and end of life care in London.

By using one standardised MAAR chart, a safe, effective and timely process can be adopted, avoiding the need to transcribe between different charts across multiple organisations.

Please [click](#) here for more details.

The SEL Integrated Medicines Optimisation Committee - new name for the Area Prescribing Committee

From 1 September 2020, the SEL Area Prescribing Committee (SEL APC) has changed its name to the **SEL Integrated Medicines Optimisation Committee** (SEL IMOC).

This is to reflect the transition of the local healthcare system to an integrated care system (ICS) in south east London.

If you'd like to find out more about the committee's role and functions, please refer to their updated [Terms of Reference](#).

The previous committee name will continue to be included (in brackets) as appropriate on IMOC outputs for the rest of this financial year to enable local healthcare professionals to become more familiar with the new name.

Do look out for resources and outputs from the SEL IMOC.

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