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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.

Final call for GP bulletin survey

We've received an amazing response from most of the boroughs, so this is our final call for late adopters to complete [our bulletin survey](#) which closes **midnight, Monday 16 November**. Results will be published here - as soon as they've been collated.

Flu and immunisation programme

Helping GPs get the message across

NHS South East London CCG is committed to supporting our GP practices to get as many eligible patients in south east London vaccinated for flu as soon as possible.

We are working with a data-driven strategic communications and behavioural science specialist agency, to test a research-based approach to messaging, and we're looking for volunteer GPs to try out these messages on their unvaccinated eligible patients.

If you're interested in being part of this randomised control trial, please contact your borough flu lead as soon as possible.

Flu vaccine supplies: LAIV alternatives

Please see this important [update](#) on the availability of LAIV alternatives for children in the at risk provided by the London Immunisation Team on 6 November.

Latest news

Outpatient backlog at Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust

LGT has just provided us with this [action plan](#) in response to the backlog of outpatient clinic letters between 1 May and 15 September 2020.

Covid-19 swab testing and general practices

(NB: This information was included in last week's national primary care bulletin, but missed our bulletin deadline so we're including here in case you missed it too).

NHS Test and Trace is making Covid-19 swab testing available to general practices in England on an opt-in basis for symptomatic patients, when clinically appropriate, and for symptomatic staff and their households.

In the first instance, members of the public will continue to be directed to regional testing centres or home testing kits.

Here's a [PDF](#) of the email NHS Test and Trace sent to GP practices last week, which has more details about the service and how to sign up.

London cares

'One London Level' is encouraging south east London GPs to use the London Care Record to access joined-up information about their patients.

London Care Record lets GPs see relevant health and care information on their patients held by organisations in other London geographies.

It can be accessed via the Local Care Record (LCR) or Connect Care portal in EMIS or Vision.

Many GPs are already reporting money-saving benefits in addition to [fast, safe, effective care](#) for patients. .

Dr Jonty Heaversedge wrote a [comment](#) piece about its benefits for last week's HSJ. *(NB: log-in required to read article).*

More information about it is available [here](#)

Weekly update on staff Covid-19 testing

Please find a [link](#) to our weekly update on testing for primary care staff in south east London provided by the SEL Covid-19 Testing and Vaccination Delivery Team.

Home delivery of medicines during second wave

Due to new [national restrictions](#) across England since 5 November, people who are clinically extremely vulnerable from COVID -19 are advised by the Government not to go to a pharmacy.

As a result the Community Pharmacy Home Delivery Service has been commissioned, in accordance with the [Home delivery of medicines and appliances](#) during the Covid-19 outbreak, for all patients on the Shielded Patient List in England, from 5 November 2020 until 3 December 2020.

In light of the above, all pharmacies in England are again now required to ensure patients on the Shielded Patient List receive their medicines at home.

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 male fertility

1:30 to 2.30pm, Thursday 19 November

Mr Tet Yap, a Consultant Urologist at Guy's and St Thomas', invites you to a one-hour interactive virtual seminar to learn about diagnosis, patient referrals and the management of male infertility. Questions will be taken at the end of the talk.

This event attracts one CPD point. Register [here](#)

Cardiology virtual seminar for primary care

6:30 to 7:30pm, Thursday 26 November

Dr Julia Grapsa, a Consultant Cardiologist at Guy's and St Thomas', and Dr Alexandros Papachristidis, a Consultant Cardiologist at King's College Hospital, invite you to a one-hour interactive virtual seminar with a practical overview of cardiology cases in primary care. The session will cover:

How to manage Echo results;
Post Covid-19 heart problems; and
Telephone consultations – top tips.

Register [here](#)

King's Health Partners and Royal Brompton and Harefield

Respiratory medicine

1 to 4.30pm, Wednesday 25 November

This inaugural RBH KHP Respiratory Medicine short course, created by Dr Irem Patel (King's Health Partners), Dr Rachna Chowla (KHP) and Dr Alanna Hare (Royal Brompton and Harefield Trust) will be delivered via Zoom. (continued)

The course is relevant to GPs, physicians, nursing, physiotherapy and AHPs involved in respiratory medicine across both primary and secondary care.

The audience will hear from experts on the challenges respiratory services are facing in the current Covid-19 environment, as well as exemplar solutions to those challenges and current best practice.

Register for the event [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 \(updated 4 November\)](#)

[King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust \(updated 27 October\)](#)

[Lewisham and Greenwich Trust \(updated 10 November\)](#)

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