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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 and immunisation

Call and recall letters

Please find a [link](#) to the latest NHS England call and recall letters, sent out for 2 and 3-year-olds and at risk groups.

The flu letter for 2 and 3-year-olds was sent between 5 to 8 October 2020, and the at risk letters from 26 to 30 October 2020.

At risk children in an 'age eligible' school flu programme cohort, were excluded from general at risk mailing to avoid parents/guardians receiving two letters for an at risk eligible school child.

Glandular fever error

Please be aware that about 30,000 patients who have had glandular fever **in the past**, have wrongly received a letter from NHS England asking them to contact their GP for a free flu jab.

This was reported on in the HSJ today.

We understand that NHS Digital is drafting an explanation/apology letter that should be released later today or tomorrow.

EMIS Web and TPP SystemOne practices:

Electronic notifications for flu vaccinations from community pharmacies

From 27 October 2020 more GP practices have started to receive [electronic notifications](#) when a patient registered with them receives a flu vaccination in a community pharmacy that uses PharmOutcomes or Sonar.

Notifications arrive as a workflow task which will significantly reduce the number of paper and email notifications you need to manually process, helping to improve quality and timeliness of data.

GP practices using EMIS Web will have this new functionality switched on over the coming weeks. TPP SystemOne GP practices already receive these notifications, but will see an increase in volume as more pharmacies begin to send notifications in this way.

If you do not yet receive these notifications, your system supplier will inform you of your switch-on date and provide further information and guidance.

Latest news

What do you think about this bulletin?

The SEL CCG GP bulletin started in April 2020 as a way to provide up-to-date and reliable information about Covid-19 for GPs.

But six months on is it still helpful? Can we improve it? Should it have a wider remit?

To answer these questions, we've designed a [short survey](#) which will only take five minutes to complete. Your responses will really help us plan better communications with you, and we promise to publish the results here so you can see what people think across the whole of our patch. Thanks in advance.

Weekly update on staff Covid-19 testing

Please find a [link](#) to our week ending 30 October update, on testing for primary care staff in south east London provided by the SEL Covid-19 Testing and Vaccination Delivery Team.

'Clinically extremely vulnerable' in new 'lock-down'

On 31 October the Government announced new national restrictions to help control the spread of Covid-19 that apply from Thursday 5 November. In light of the above, the government is updating the advice and support available for people who are clinically extremely vulnerable to the virus. It has identified two additional groups of people who should now be considered as clinically extremely vulnerable to Covid-19: (continued)

- Adults with stage 5 chronic kidney disease; and
- Adults with Down's syndrome.

It has also highlighted the urgency of clinicians completing the process of reviewing – and, where appropriate, removing – children and young people on the Shielded Patient List (SPL).

This [letter](#) sets out specific actions NHS England's Medical Director of Care is asking general practices to make.

Virtual seminars and conferences

The NEL Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)

This NEL team is running additional webinars in November providing IPC training, advice, and support to all staff working in GP surgeries and healthcare centres.

Book your tickets [here](#)

Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

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

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. To book [click here](#)

Ophthalmology for primary care

1.30 to 2.30pm, Wednesday 11 November.

Ms Elodie Azan, Consultant Ophthalmologist, invites you to a one-hour interactive seminar with a practical overview of ophthalmologist cases in primary care.

Register [here](#). You'll then be sent an invitation link to join the seminar.

This talk counts for one CPD point and a certificate of attendance will be sent to you.

King's Health Partners Clinical Academic Innovation Workshop Series

Have you signed up? This series of cutting edge workshops will discuss the enablers and barriers to delivering high-impact innovations to improve patient outcomes.

To join them on 11 November [click here](#)

NHS Confederation PCN conference

The NHS Confederation is holding its first ever PCN conference virtually on 11 November.

It aims to unite primary care network teams from across the country and give them the opportunity to connect with peers nationwide, addressing the issues they have been raising over the first year of PCNs and supporting them to deliver innovation in primary care.

You can 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 \(updated 4/11\)](#)

[King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust \(updated 27/10\)](#)

Cancer updates

South East London Cancer Alliance

[Cancer Updates for GPs - 19 October 2020](#)

New telephone number for breast screening service

Last week we mentioned that NHS Improvement and England had produced a [PDF](#) to help GP practice managers and nurses explain to patients how breast screening is working in response to Covid-19. We've been asked to point out that there have been problems with the helpline telephone number provided, and so people should call 0203 758 2024. NB: The new number is on the above PDF too.

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