



**Issue 56/Thursday, 19 November 2020**

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.

## Latest news

### **Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust ("LGT") Harms Review Group**

As many GPs are already aware, earlier this year there were delays in LGT sending outpatient clinic letters to GP practices for their patients.

As a result, the SEL Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), the Londonwide Medical Committees (LMC's) and LGT have set up an oversight and harms group chaired by the CCG's Chief Nurse.

SEL CCG has committed to providing a weekly update on the progress with the harm review to general practices - the second of which is linked to [here](#)

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### **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.

## Latest news (continued)

### Covid-19 and Down's syndrome

In light of the recent [analysis](#) by Public Health England, that deaths from Covid-19 were 'six times higher' among people with learning disabilities, and the new government rules on shielding for people with Down's syndrome, we've been asked by Mencap to publicise this [resource pack](#) from the Down's Syndrome Association, to help all health and social care professionals understand the current issues facing this cohort.

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### Restoration of screening programme

NHS England and Improvement have asked CCGs to distribute their [letter](#) of 16 November to primary care providers about the restoration of screening services following the first peak of Covid-19.

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### Oxleas launch next phase of personal care platform

Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust will be one of the first Trusts in the country to incorporate the new 'About Me' Professional Record Standards Body (PRSB) guidelines into their person-held record system.

From January 2021 their patients and service users will be able to record what's important to them and what care providers need to know.

If you would like more information about this project, please email: [oxl-tr.oxcare@nhs.net](mailto:oxl-tr.oxcare@nhs.net)

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### Glandular fever GP apology letter

Please find a link to a [letter](#) sent out by NHS's Chief Executive Officer to all GP surgeries on 13 November.

It apologises and explains why patients who had previously suffered from glandular fever had wrongly received a letter from NHS England asking them to contact their GP for a free flu jab.

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# Virtual seminars and conferences

## Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

Guy's and St Thomas' have three 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](#)

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### 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](#)

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### Women's health: management of pelvic health

A one-hour interactive virtual seminar where you can learn how to improve the patient referrals and the management of pelvic health. Questions will be taken at the end of the talk.

1:30 to 14.30pm, Tuesday 1 December

This event attracts one CPD point.

Register [here](#)

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### Update on prostate problems

Mr Sachin Malde and Mr Oussama Elhage, Consultant Urologists at Guy's and St Thomas', invite you to a one-hour interactive virtual seminar to learn about diagnosis, patient referrals and the management of lower urinary tract symptoms, and prostate problems. Questions will be taken at the end of the talk.

6:30 to 7.30pm, Thursday 3 December 2020

This event attracts one CPD point.

Register [here](#)

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# 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.

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 \(updated 18 November\)](#)

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

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

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