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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.

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 Local 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 third of which is linked to [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.

Latest news (continued)

PrEP clinics and World Aids Day

To coincide with World AIDS Day, next week, Lambeth Council has asked us to let you know that PrEP (one of the four methods of HIV prevention) is now available at many sexual health clinics across south east London. Click [here](#) for more information about these services.

Reporting Covid-19 outbreaks and incidents

Filling in IIMARCH forms

A quick reminder that, if your practice has a Covid-19 outbreak, please do complete the IIMARCH form and we will support you through IPC nurses.

Also help with the reporting process, including the IIMARCH notification, can be obtained via the CCG's ICC selccg.incident@nhs.net

Here's a [link](#) to more detailed information about the process from an October edition of this bulletin.

Flu and immunisation

Extension of flu vaccination programme to 50 to 64-year-olds

Please find attached an [email](#) from the London Immunisation Team about the announcement last week of the flu programme being extended to the 50 to 64-year-old cohort.

Up-to-date government guidance on accessing centrally supplied flu vaccines, and availability of supplies, is available here for [general practices](#) and [community pharmacies](#).

Vaccine supply

Please find an [update](#) from Seqirus (via NHS London's Immunisation Team) on the availability of their Flucelvax Tetra (QIVc) vaccinations.

New PGD

NHS England (London Region) has published a new PGD (NHSE and I/PHE Flublok Quadrivalent PGD v01.000) which can be found [here](#). Practices should ensure that any registered healthcare professionals who are due to administer vaccinations under this PGD, should be made aware of this new version.

Any queries, email - england.londonimms@nhs.net

Virtual seminars and conferences

Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

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](#)

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](#)

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](#)

King's Health Partners

Paediatric Neurosurgery

Webinar providing help for referring teams, in managing paediatric neurosurgical patients of different levels of acuity, including those who require transfers.

2 to 5pm, Monday 30 November 2020

The session, taking place on Microsoft Teams, will introduce the team, the services offered and the referral pathways. Here's the [link](#) to join.

Direct Oral Anticoagulant ('DOAC') education webinars

During the COVID pandemic, patients prescribed anticoagulants requiring frequent monitoring (e.g. warfarin and INR) were advised to switch to DOACs where clinically appropriate.

Whilst DOACs require blood tests to assess renal function throughout treatment, the monitoring is predictable, less rigorous than INR testing with warfarin and is routinely carried out in primary care.

In response to requests from SEL primary care committees, the SEL CVD medicines working group has supported the changes to DOAC transfer of care with webinars covering:

- the changes to the transfer of care for patients prescribed DOACs (in place from 1st October 2020)
- support/guidance to monitor patients taking DOACs to ensure safety and effectiveness
- knowing when to seek advice and guidance from hospital teams or medicines optimisation teams
- the prescribing of DOACs in elderly and frail patients and according to their risk/benefit

Recordings from both webinars, along with the slides and Q&A documents from the webinars can be found [here](#)

The presenters would love your feedback on the webinars which can be done via this survey monkey [questionnaire](#)

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 \(updated 25 November\)](#)

[King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust \(updated 28 October\)](#)

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

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