

SEL Primary Care: Headline Update: 30 December

Communications

Updated: Primary Care Quick Access Comms Pack

A very useful resource with prewritten emails, phone scripts, text messages and web content.
[301220_PCN-Quick-Access-Comms-Pack.pdf \(selondonccg.nhs.uk\)](#)

NHSE has sent a request to all practices to send out a text to their patients requesting that they use services appropriately. **Please see Text Message 3 in the above comms document. SEL CCG have agreed to fund the cost of this.**

Headlines

1. Infection Control in the workplace

Please help keep your practice staff safe by following the latest infection control guidance - [Top Tips: Infection control guidance to help reduce the risk of COVID-19 and other winter illnesses \(Flu, Norovirus\) spreading amongst staff in the workplace.](#)

If an outbreak or incidence does occur, please follow these [reporting guidelines](#).

2. Lateral flow tests

National Team recognise that there have not been enough LFT supplies for the hub sites and are reviewing their processes and looking at ways of streamlining orders/deliveries.

Primary Care Vaccinator Hubs

- Now that the delivery to all Primary Care sites have commenced, they expect that the Primary care sites will use the supplies from these deliveries for staff that are vaccinators in the first instance.
- From Wave 5 of the vaccination programme primary care needs to order enough LFT for the vaccinators as well as the Primary Care staff through the portal for these tests.
- All orders from last week should now have been delivered.
- Order placed after 24/12 will be delivered over the 2 weeks from 5 January by City Sprint.

If there are any urgent supplies required for sites commencing on week of 4th January only please contact your Primary Care Borough Lead today.

Care Home Vaccinators

- Care homes vaccinators that are not from the NHS, are the responsibility of the DHSC.
- NHS staff should use the LFT that have been provided by the NHS.

LFT stocks will be tight over the next 2 weeks and will be distributed depending on priority, availability and delivery slots. However, if you have any urgent requirements please contact your Primary Care Borough Leads asap.

3. 4-Hr access to injectable symptom control medications for the adult dying patient in the community

Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust have provided the following guidance regarding the request of medications:

OUT-OF-HOURS (6.30 pm – 8 am Mon – Fri, 24 hours on Saturday, Sunday and bank Holidays).

For patients living in **Lambeth, Southwark** and **Bromley**

- Telephone the South East London Doctor's Cooperative (SELDOC) on 020 8194 7594.
- A one-page summary of this process as well as other useful resources is available on the South East London Clinical Commissioning (SEL CCG) COVID-19 clinical support page, 'Palliative Care Medicines' [here](#).

For patients living in:

- **Greenwich** – Telephone Greenbrook Healthcare at Queen Elizabeth Hospital Urgent Care Service on 0208 8364074.
- **Bexley** – Telephone the Hurley Group at Queen Mary's Hospital Urgent Treatment Centre on 0208 3085611 or Erith UTC on 01322 356116.
- **Lewisham** – Telephone the Marie Curie Rapid Response Service at St. Christopher's Hospice on 020 8768 4500.

IN-HOURS

The GP should contact the community pharmacy to confirm injectable symptom control medications are in stock:

- 1st choice: The patient's usual community pharmacy, then if stock not available,
- 2nd choice: One of the community pharmacies on the SEL palliative care drug access scheme. Contact details of nominated community pharmacies can be found on the SEL CCG COVID-19 clinical support page, 'Palliative Care Medicines' [here](#).

4. Update from North Central London on the formulary position for Sativex™ in the treatment of spasticity associated with multiple sclerosis (MS)

There has been a change in formulary status of Sativex™ oromucosal spray in North Central London (NCL). Sativex has been re-categorised in NCL from RED (hospital only) to amber (shared care). The change in formulary status now allows for continuation of prescribing by GPs under a shared care protocol following specialist initiation in line with [NICE guidance](#). This change may impact on patients from South East London who are being treated for MS related spasticity at the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery (NHNN), which is a tertiary treatment centre for MS. As a tertiary referral specialist MS and spasticity centre, NHNN receive referrals from across the country, many of whom go on to receive Sativex®. Newly referred patients to the NHNN MS spasticity service could potentially be initiated on Sativex®, and therefore a shared care agreement may be furnished to share prescribing responsibility. The following NCL resources (for patients under NHNN) are available: [Shared care guidance](#) and [Position Statement](#). Please note that in South East London, a review of the current formulary category of Sativex™ (Red, hospital only) is underway with a view to moving to Amber 3 (shared care) in the future. The SEL review process is not yet complete.