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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.

Covid-19 vaccination programme

PCN sites and the new vaccine

It's an important two weeks for the Covid-19 vaccine roll-out in primary care, with vaccinations starting as early as Tuesday 15 December at some PCN sites.

So NHS England has written a [detailed letter](#) (7 December) to help PCNs through the process.

It's long, so we've indexed it below for your ease of reference.

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Covid-19 vaccination programme (continued)

Public Health England (PHE) guide to Covid-19 vaccination publications

PHE has published a [guide](#) to useful leaflets and consent forms for the Covid-19 vaccination programme.

They have provided a table listing the ones that can be ordered from [here](#)

The documents listed in this guide include:

Consent forms for:

- Care home residents
- Attorney of care home residents
- Healthcare workers
- Relatives of care home residents
- Social care workers
- Adults able to consent.

Guides/leaflets for:

- Patients - before vaccination (priority groups)
- Patients - after vaccination (priority groups)
- Patients - why do I need to wait for it? (non-priority groups)
- Patients - planning pregnancy, pregnant or breastfeeding
- Healthcare workers
- Social care workers.

NB these documents cannot be downloaded via this PHE guide and need to be ordered.

If you are looking for digital versions immediately, some of these leaflets are available now on the [government's Covid-19 vaccination programme page](#)

Why can't I have my Covid-19 vaccine now?

Some south east London GPs are reporting that patients have already been asking for the Covid-19 vaccine, and are then confused and disappointed when turned away.

So we're keen to highlight [one particular leaflet](#) from above that Public Health England has produced to explain the current eligibility and availability criteria. The situation is evolving, so we will try our best to let you know if anything crucial changes. In the meantime do keep checking: [government's Covid-19 vaccination programme page](#).

SEL CCG GP page for Covid-19 vaccine resources

You could also check out our [Covid-19 vaccine resource page](#) which is on SEL CCG's GP website. If something is missing and/or you'd like to add links or information please email: selccg.communications@nhs.net and we'll try our best to help.

Covid-19 vaccination programme (continued)

Training for administering the Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine

The eLfh module on this topic has now gone live, is open access and the link is [here](#)

A face-to-face element is required for the practical injection training for those staff that need it. Mandatory training - in line with your organisational requirements - are locally determined. Local induction to be arranged specific to your site.

Appointment management into Covid-19 vaccination hubs

If you need to book appointments for patients into your local Covid-19 vaccination hub please find [a link](#) to a number of training sessions being run on how to set up appointments.

Just choose the session that matches the GP clinical system you need to configure.

Covid-19 testing

Weekly update on staff Covid-19 testing

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.

Lateral flow testing

In response to our item last Friday (4 December) on lateral flow testing we've had a few questions, which we're answering here too.

This test is currently available for use with asymptomatic patient-facing staff within acute trusts, mental health trusts, community trusts and ambulance trusts and will shortly be made available to primary care, once a national reporting portal is ready for use in order to assist with reporting on usage.

The type of test currently being rolled out is the Innova SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Rapid Qualitative Test.

The tests are voluntary, but staff should be encouraged to get tested, to benefit colleagues and patients.

Staff should test themselves twice weekly, every three to four days, to fit with shift patterns and leave requirements; for example, Wednesday and Sunday, or Monday and Thursday.

Testing twice weekly decreases the likelihood of false negative cases.

The specificity and sensitivity of this particular test can be found [here](#) where the government has published its latest research on these tests.

Other practice updates

Lewisham and Greenwich Trust Harms Review Group

Please find a [link](#) to the weekly update from the harm review to general practices.

Latest London Ambulance Service GP newsletter

The London Ambulance Service has asked us to include a link to their GP [newsletter for this quarter](#). In it they discuss their electronic patient care record (ePCR) roll-out across London this winter, with additional information on it included in this [link](#). If you have any questions about ePCR please email: londamb.epcr@nhs.net

Quality alerts

Please find a [short item](#) from the newly restructured South East London CCG Quality Team, explaining how GPs can raise quality alerts about services or pathways they are concerned about.

Virtual seminars and conferences

Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

Update on musculoskeletal lower back pain

Guy's and St Thomas' invite healthcare professionals to a one-hour interactive virtual seminar to learn how to improve patient referrals and management of musculoskeletal lower back pain.

1.30 to 2.30pm, Friday 11 December 2020

This event attracts one CPD point.

Click on the [link](#) to book a place

Update on children's dermatology

Ms Danielle Greenblatt and Ms Jemima Mellerio, Child General Dermatology Consultants, invite primary care healthcare professionals to a one-hour interactive virtual seminar overview of children dermatology cases in primary care.

1.30 to 2.30pm, Tuesday 15 December 2020

This event attracts one CPD points.

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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 \(updated 10 November\)](#)

Cancer updates

South East London Cancer Alliance

[Cancer updates for GPs - 7 December 2020](#)

Cancer screening reminder

We wanted to remind all primary care that cancer screening services are up and running again, and that patients should feel safe attending their appointments.

We're attaching a [letter](#) on the topic, from NHS England, which was included in a previous SEL CCG bulletin in November and has useful tips on helping patients attend screening sessions.

Medicines management

Free supply of vitamin D for 'clinically extremely vulnerable'

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) recently [announced](#) (28 November) that, from January 2021, a free four-month supply of daily vitamin D supplements will be offered to 'clinically extremely vulnerable people,' and care home residents, to support general their health.

Practices are asked to continue to follow the local guidance listed on our [site](#) until further information is made available.

Medicines management (continued)

Covid-19: The Green Book provisional guidance

Public Health England has provisionally published the [Green Book, Chapter 14a](#), which includes information on Covid-19 vaccines, the dosage and schedule for the UK, and recommendations for the use of the vaccine.

The Green Book has the latest information on vaccines and vaccination procedures for vaccine preventable infectious diseases in the UK.

Covid-19 vaccine and anticoagulants

Please find [attached](#) London region's (NHSE/I) position statement on the Covid-19 vaccine and patients prescribed anticoagulants, published yesterday (8 December).

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