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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

Training for administering the Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine

Last week, after the deadline for this bulletin, the **SEL Training Hubs Collaborative** sent PCNs a one-page training check-list for experienced and returning vaccinators.

In case you missed it, we're re-publishing it [here](#) because it's succinct and has live links to lots of other useful training resources.

Also at the end of last week, **Healthy London Partnership** provided a handy detailed breakdown of the PCN Covid-19 [vaccinator roles](#) and training required for those roles.

You may have already received this guide via your PCN.

Appointment management into Covid-19 vaccination hubs

Last week we included a link to live online training sessions, aimed at helping you to book patients into your local Covid-19 vaccination centres.

Those events are now finished, but you can watch or re-watch four of those sessions on this [YouTube link](#)

Covid-19 vaccination programme (continued)

Ordering printed materials for Covid-19 vaccination sites: Reminder from last week

PHE has published a [guide](#) to leaflets and consent forms for the Covid-19 vaccination programme which can be ordered from [here](#).

Documents that can be ordered 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](#)

Covid-19 vaccine contact list

Please find [attached](#) a contacts list for vaccination sites, showing who can be contacted should a site have any queries about their vaccination and non-vaccination supplies; IT issues, Pinnacle and Foundry, and any other site-related queries.

SEL CCG GP page for Covid-19 vaccine resources

A reminder about our [Covid-19 vaccine resource page](#) which is on SEL CCG's GP website and is regularly updated. 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 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 update: (Re-published from 15 December Primary Care Bulletin)

We're re-posting a [link](#) from yesterday's (15 December) Primary Care Bulletin, as it has an important update on lateral flow testing in primary care.

Three key take-away points from yesterday's bulletin:

1. Primary care contractors will, during a window beginning from w/c 14 December, receive an invitation to order lateral flow testing devices directly from Primary Care Services England (PCSE), who will be managing the ordering and delivery process.
2. Following receipt of an invitation, organisations should log on and complete their order as quickly as possible.
3. The final closing date for orders across all contractors will be Wednesday 30 December.

Reporting Covid-19 outbreaks and incidents for General Practice

We've received a few reports of some uncertainty around what to do if your practice has a Covid-19 outbreak, so we're reminding you of the guidance we provided in the SEL CCG bulletin issues of 23 October and 25 November.

General practices are requested to ensure they notify both NHS South East London CCG and public health authorities, of instances where staff members test positive for Covid-19.

This is vital to help us better support practices, and manage the overall spread of the virus. As well as taking local action to support practices, the CCG will feed this information into the London-wide system, where all information about outbreaks and incidents in all settings (including general practice) is collated.

Please find attached this [step-by-step guide](#) on exactly what to do if:

- 1/ Two or more members of your staff test positive within a few days of each other. (If you are unsure about whether two cases are connected, please just let us know anyway).
- 2/ One of your staff tests positive and there is potential for onward transmission to other staff and patients.

Virtual seminars and conferences

NEL IPC seminars

Please find attached a [link](#) to upcoming webinars from the NEL IPC team that provide advice, training and support on infection prevention and control to all staff working in GP surgeries and healthcare centres.

Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

This week we are [linking](#) to a table of their forthcoming webinars for January 2021 which also has a Youtube page where you can catch up on previous South East Cancer Alliance webinars.

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 \(updated 12 December NEW\)](#)

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

Cancer updates

South East London Cancer Alliance

[Cancer updates for GPs - 14 December 2020 \(NEW\)](#)

Medicines management

Free supply of vitamin D for 'clinically extremely vulnerable': Update from last week's SEL CCG bulletin item

People who are at high risk from Covid-19 (clinically extremely vulnerable) will be able to get a free four-month delivery of vitamin D starting in January.

This is a Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) initiative and people should apply by 4 January 2021 via this [site](#) if they meet the following criteria:

- 1/ Have received a letter from the NHS or DHSC stating that they are at high risk from coronavirus; and
- 2/ Are aged 18 years or over; and
- 3/ Live in England.

What can you do?

People asking about the vitamin D initiative should be directed to this [website](#)

Patients with low vitamin D levels should continue to be managed in line with this local SEL guidance;

[Management of Vitamin D Deficiency in adults \(including pregnancy and breastfeeding\);](#)

and

[Management of Vitamin D Deficiency and Insufficiency in Children up to the age of 18 years in children.](#)

Covid -19 vaccination programme at PCN designated sites

The Chief Pharmaceutical Officer published a [letter](#) on 8 December 2020 setting out the principles necessary to maintain safety, quality and effectiveness of Covid-19 vaccines administered by GP led local vaccination centres (PCN designated sites).

The SEL CCG Medicines Optimisation Committee has ratified and adopted the following documents:

- Covid-19 Primary Care Vaccine handling and management policy 2020-21.
- The Standard Operations Procedures (SOPs) developed by the Specialist Pharmacy Service.

This is to support PCN designated sites in safely delivering the Covid-19 vaccination programme.

Both of these documents are now available on the SEL CCG GP [website](#) along with the Covid-19 Vaccination Patient Group Direction (PGD) published on 11 December 2020, and a Patient Specific Direction (PSD) Template that can be adapted locally.