



**Issue 65/Wednesday, 20 January 2021**

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.

## GP updates

### **Covid-19 vaccine fraud alert**

Trading standards have asked us to circulate their [flyer](#) which warns about Covid-19 scams and offers advice on how to steer clear of them. Some of these scams are quite sophisticated with texts claiming to be from the NHS.

#### **Two key take-home messages for the public are:**

- Never give out personal or financial details in response to any Covid-19 vaccine emails, texts or phone calls - even if the sender 'claims' to be from the NHS.
- Covid-19 vaccinations are provided free by the NHS, so ignore anyone offering you one in exchange for money.

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### **FAQs for proposed hospital merger**

Some of you may be receiving questions about the proposed merger between the Royal Brompton and Harefield and Guy's and St Thomas'.

In response we thought it might helpful to include a link to some [FAQs Brompton and Harefield](#) have already prepared.

## GP updates (continued)

### Translating Covid-19 vaccine advice leaflets

To help the uptake of the Covid-19 vaccine among all communities in south east London we're looking for **clinicians** to help sense check some Public Health England advice leaflets we're getting translated in the following languages:

- 1/ Portuguese - **Brazilian** and **European**
- 2/ Vietnamese
- 3/ Bulgarian.

**NB** Many of the other languages spoken by local communities in south east London have already been translated by Public Health England.

The full list is [here](#). It's worth checking this site every few days as PHE often updates these leaflets.

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### Delivery of the neonatal BCG vaccine in London

The way the NHS London Immunisation Team delivers the neonatal BCG in London changed on 1 September 2020, from a universal programme to one targeting those babies most at risk of TB.

In addition, delivery of neonatal BCG was moved from maternity services to community clinics.

As a result this NHS Team has [updated its protocol](#) which replaces the previous one issued in 2019.

Public resources for the neonatal BCG programme are available in multiple languages at this [site](#)

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### Covid-19 vaccinations for south east London staff

South East London CCG is offering Covid-19 vaccinations to eligible staff members within general practices, community pharmacies, opticians and the dental sector, who live in or work in south east London. This also applies to social care and related staff working in the care sector.

The south east London booking process is simple. Employers need to complete the [attached Excel spreadsheet](#) for consenting staff members and send it to:

[selccg.covidtesting@nhs.net](mailto:selccg.covidtesting@nhs.net)

The team will send the information to the vaccination sites that have spare vaccines, which is most likely to be a hospital or a GP practice site. The provider will then call staff members and book them in directly. The form includes a section asking whether a staff member is clinically vulnerable, this is so they can be prioritised but details of conditions are not required.

There is no deadline to return the form, but the sooner you send the list, the sooner we can get people booked in as we are aiming to deliver to all consenting staff by mid-February. (*continued...*)

## GP updates (continued)

### Covid-19 vaccinations for south east London staff (cont)

If staff have any questions regarding the process they can email us on the same email as above: [selccg.covidtesting@nhs.net](mailto:selccg.covidtesting@nhs.net)

If staff have complex health conditions, are pregnant or have a history of severe allergies, they can contact their GP for advice or look online at the links to the government guidance on the two approved Covid-19 vaccines - [Pfizer-BioNTech](#) and [Oxford-AstraZeneca](#)

## 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.

## Virtual seminars, conferences and e-Learning

### 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.

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

A [link](#) 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.

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### Maudsley Learning

[Maudsley Learning](#) has been awarded funding from Health Education England to deliver a range of free courses to south east London primary care staff involved in CYP mental health. The courses are open to a wide range of practitioners for example, GPs, social workers and HCAs, and the courses run during February and March 2021.

Brief details below, [further information in this flyer](#)

1. **Minding the Gaps:** *Managing transitions from CAMHS to adult services.*
2. **Simulation training at the mental physical interface:** *Children and young people.*
3. **Working in inpatient CAMHS:** *The challenges and effective ways forward.*

## Virtual seminars, conferences and e-Learning (cont)

### King's Health Partners: Diabetes and Covid-19

The King's Health Partners Institute of Diabetes, Endocrinology and Obesity is holding a webinar to explore some of the most pressing clinical issues relating to diabetes and Covid-19.

It will provide information on a range of related topics such as:

- supporting patients who have been prescribed Dexamethasone with their insulin management post-discharge;
- supporting patients with problems relating to Diabetic Foot Disease, or Diabetic Kidney Disease; and
- basic tips for supporting patients with diabetes more generally, where they are unable to access secondary care.

There will also be the opportunity to ask their experts any questions relating to the management of your diabetes patients.

#### The session will be led by:

##### Dr Neel Basudev

*> GP and Diabetes Lead with Lambeth CCG & GP Specialist for the Lambeth Intermediate Care Team.*

##### Dr Natasha Patel

*> Consultant Diabetologist at Guy's and St Thomas' & Head of Diabetes Foot Service.*

##### Dr Sophie Harris

*> Consultant Diabetologist at Kings College Hospital & Deputy Clinical Director of Diabetes at the Health Innovation Network.*

In order to add the event to your calendar [click here](#)

Or just [click here](#) to join the webinar, noon to 1pm on Thursday 28 January.

## Information from acute providers

### e-RS update

The latest versions of the documents outlining changes to referrals at our acute hospitals are below. Latest updates and messages to practices are in red:

[NEW GSTT Acute \(updated 20 Jan 2021\)](#)

[NEW King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust \(updated 15 Jan 2021\)](#)

[Lewisham and Greenwich Trust \(updated 6 Jan 2021\)](#)

## Cancer updates

### South East London Cancer Alliance

[NEW Cancer updates for GPs \(15 Jan 2021\)](#)

[Latest SELCA webinars](#) and [catch up here on previous ones](#)

## Medicines Management

### Home delivery of medicines and appliances during Covid-19

Following the Government's announcement of the national lockdown and advice for all Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV) patients to recommence shielding, the [Community Pharmacy Home Delivery Service](#) and the [Dispensing Doctor Home Delivery Service](#) has been commissioned from 5 January 2021 to 21 February 2021 (inclusive) for all CEV patients living in England.

Pharmacies and dispensing doctors across England will be required to ensure those on the Shielded Patient List across the country can receive their prescription medicines and appliances at home. This announcement supersedes the announcements made in December for this service provision to Tier 4 areas.

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