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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.

GP updates

Flu vaccination notifications for pregnant women

Please find attached [a letter](#) from the London Immunisation Team on missing notifications for seasonal flu vaccinations for pregnant women.

Any queries contact: england.londonimms@nhs.net

Supporting General Practice in 2021/22

[A joint letter from 21 January signed by:](#)

Dr Nikita Kanani, Medical Director for Primary Care, NHSE/I;

Dr Richard Vautrey, Chair of BMA's General Practitioners Committee; and

Robert Kettell, Interim Director of General Practice Contract and Workforce, NHSE/I;

with important contractual and financial information for General Practice.

GP updates (continued)

Covid-19 vaccine advice leaflets

We're often asked about this - so another reminder that Public Health England (PHE) has translated some of the Covid-19 vaccine public advice leaflets into many of the languages spoken by our local communities in south east London.

The full list is [here](#) - click on leaflets and posters.

It's worth checking this site every few days as PHE often updates these leaflets.

Help with capturing short vaccine videos

Are there any clinicians in south east London who speak either, Somali, Igbo, Swahili or Akan?

Or any other foreign language spoken by our local residents?

If so, we need your help to capture short videos of frontline staff providing vaccine information in community languages.

If you think you might be able to support please email: rosemary.watts@nhs.net for more information. Thank you in advance.

Temporary suspension of assessment clinics for post-Covid syndrome

Background

As part of the post-Covid syndrome care pathway NHS England and NHS Improvement announced a national offer to support patients experiencing post-Covid syndrome through specialist assessment clinics. In south east London they are provided by Kings Health Partners, with designated clinic sites at St Thomas', Denmark Hill, the Tessa Jewell Centre and the PRUH.

The response of Trusts to the current pandemic surge has meant that outpatient services that are not critically urgent have been put on hold, this includes post-Covid syndrome assessment clinics, and also outpatient services that would support patients with symptoms associated with post-Covid syndrome.

We are requesting that Practices do not undertake case finding of post-Covid syndrome patients or send referral requests to the Trusts. When it is possible to re-start the clinics a further communication will be circulated and clinics will 'go live' on e-RS.

In the meantime if patients present with post-Covid syndrome symptoms, GPs are asked to follow the Primary Care assessment steps published in the Clinical Reference Guidance for London for the post-Covid syndrome pathway.

Please ensure that prior to [identifying any patients for assessment](#) in the specialist clinics all the relevant referral information and investigations (bloods, CXR etc) are complete to prevent rejected referrals (or missed diagnoses) when the clinics open. GPs can also direct patients to: www.yourcovidrecovery.nhs.uk for general support and information.

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

The British Society for Immunology

[The British Society for Immunology](#) is running a lunchtime webinar noon to 12.45pm, Tuesday 2 February 2021 aimed at healthcare workers involved in Covid-19 vaccinations.

It aims to provide an introduction to how Covid-19 vaccines work, and build participants' skills in answering common questions around the vaccine.

Registration is free for all and a recording of the webinar will be available online afterwards. Further details and registration [here](#)

Any queries, email Erika Aquino the Society's Public Engagement Manager:

e.aquino@immunology.org

Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

A [link](#) to a table of their forthcoming webinars in 2021.

King's Health Partners

Free mindfulness sessions now available on their Learning Hub

Mindfulness practice can help reduce anxiety, prevent depression, the brain reduce distractions, as well as improving cognition.

In March 2020, experienced mindfulness teachers from King's Health Partners established regular guided meditation sessions to support colleagues' wellbeing through meditation – also known as Mindfulness For All. Access these materials for free [online here](#)

Virtual Academic Surgical Grand Round

Join their lecture series to inform practising surgeons, undergraduate and postgraduate trainees who aspire to be surgeons, along with allied healthcare professionals about the latest themes in surgery. [Taking place this Thursday 28 January](#)

Virtual seminars, conferences and e-Learning (cont)

King's Health Partners, Diabetes and Covid-19

A reminder that the King's Health Partners Institute of Diabetes, Endocrinology and Obesity webinar on clinical issues relating to diabetes and Covid-19 is tomorrow, Thursday 28 Jan.

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 on 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:

The team at GSTT has asked us to highlight that there will be an e-RS upgrade on A&G this weekend with more details in the link below.

We've been asked to draw GPs' attention to it, as the change requires your permission and will enable referrers to convert A&G to referral.

[NEW GSTT Acute \(updated 27 Jan 2021\)](#)

[NEW King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust \(updated 26 Jan 2021\)](#)

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

Cancer updates

South East London Cancer Alliance

Latest version of the update below, which also includes some FAQs for primary care on cancer services in south east London to support GPs and patients during the pandemic.

[NEW Cancer updates for GPs \(22 Jan 2021\)](#)

SEL Cancer Alliance has also started a weekly drop in Q&A session for primary care every Thursday 1-1.30pm.

[Here is a link to join the sessions](#)

Also links to the [latest SELCA webinars](#) and [catch up here on previous ones](#)

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