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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

Reducing risk of Covid-19 transmission during face-to-face appointments

On 21 January Public Health England published [new recommendations](#) for primary and community health care providers in England.

To precis their guidance, when carrying out face-to-face appointments, practices should:

- remotely triage all attending patients prior to the visit; and
- ensure local arrangements for minimising contact with others and social distancing are followed.

If the environment cannot be made Covid-19 secure staff should:

- wear a surgical mask and allow adequate time following appointments to clean and ventilate clinic room; and
- patients should wear a surgical mask if they are able to do so.

More information is available in the recently [revised national standard operating procedures](#) for general practice in the context of Covid-19.

GP updates (continued)

New care home resource pack

NHSE and other partners have released an updated [care home pack](#) plus a [handy table](#) highlighting the changes to this new version (7.2) from the old one (6.1).

Covid-19 vaccine advice leaflets

A 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 does update these leaflets.

Diabetes and Covid-19

Please see [new diabetes guidance](#) from the London Clinical Academic Group. Dr Neel Basudev, a Lambeth GP and co-author of this new guidance has provided [supporting information](#)

NHSE updated national guidance for 'CEV' patients

The clinically extremely vulnerable cohort (CEV) is defined as those on the NHS Shielded Patient List, which is updated weekly. Practices can identify these patients with existing shielding searches which look for the presence of a high risk code without a later moderate or low risk one.

The codes are:

SNOMED CT code for high risk category

1300561000000107

High-risk category for developing complication from coronavirus disease caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus infection (finding).

SNOMED-CT codes for low and moderate risk

1300591000000101

Low-risk category for developing complication from coronavirus disease caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus infection (finding).

1300571000000100

Moderate risk category for developing complication from coronavirus disease caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus infection (finding).

GP updates (continued)

Vasectomy services

The CCG has entered into a new partnership with MSI Reproductive Choices (formally Marie Stopes) as an additional provider of vasectomy services in the community. We would encourage GPs to send non-complex vasectomy referrals to community providers, as this should ensure that patients are seen and treated as quickly as possible. Referrals should be made via e-RS, and the [attached information](#) explains more about the service and how to locate the services on e-RS.

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

Beth and Bromley GP Alliance

We've been asked to let you know that new webinar dates have been added to [their Covid-19 training site](#)

Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

A [link](#) to an up-to-date list of all 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, and help 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](#)

Information from acute providers

e-RS update

[NEW GSTT Acute \(updated 3 Feb 2021\)](#)

[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 \(2 Feb 2021\)](#)

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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