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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

Increased number of Sudden Unexpected Deaths in Infants (SUDI) in Greenwich

Please find attached [a letter](#) for all GPs about the increase in the number of Sudden Unexpected Deaths in Infants in the last year written by Dr Rebecca Moore, GP Children's Safeguarding Greenwich.

There's also webinar on this topic on Wednesday 17 February at 1pm. To register, follow this link - [Reducing infant death in South East London: the vital role of the GP with Dr Nikesh Parekh, Bromley Education and Training Hub](#)

GP Clinical Pharmacy Consultation Service (GP CPCS)

Please find [a link to an email](#) from NHSE explaining what to do if you want to find out more about this scheme.

Learning disabilities, autism and Covid-19 vaccination

As many people with learning disabilities are now being vaccinated it is a good time to [highlight our SEL CCG resource page](#) for this cohort, so you can send easy read resources to their learning disability registers in advance of receiving their vaccine.

GP updates (continued)

Freeing up practices to support Covid-19 vaccinations

Please find a [link to a letter](#) on this topic from NHSE published last week.

Update from the SUMMIT Study

The group has decided to stop new recruitment into the study at the end of April 2021 and they will not be seeking participants from south east London.

For an explanation why please refer to [this message](#) from the Summit Study.

Vaccination record query helpdesk

NHS Digital has set up a [new COVID-19 vaccination information web resource and helpdesk](#) for practice managers to help find out answers to questions about records of vaccinations.

Update on NHS Cervical Screening Programme

Please [find a link](#) to an item from yesterday's (9 February 2021) NHSE Primary Care bulletin providing an extensive update for this programme,

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](#)

Virtual seminars, conferences and e-Learning (cont)

Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

A [link](#) to an up-to-date (10 Feb 2021) 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](#)

The Health Innovation Network (HIN)

HIN is collaborating with the three south London mental health trusts, academic partners and wider stakeholders to evaluate the impact of remote consultations in mental health settings since the pandemic.

On Tuesday 9 March 12-1pm they are jointly hosting a webinar with South London Mental Health and Community Partnership to share project findings and to help inform clinical practice. For more details or to register please [go here](#)

More information about their [project can be found on their webpage](#)

Information from acute providers

Joint message from GSST, King's and LGT

When making Advice and Guidance requests on e-RS, you may have noticed that there is now an option to tick a box to indicate that the Advice request can be converted to a referral by the Acute Trust.

Please note, that this functionality is currently suspended in use by local SE London providers due to technical issues which have been flagged to the national team. Any Advice requests will not be automatically be converted to referrals.

Should a Consultant recommend that a patient be referred following an Advice and Guidance request, it will remain the responsibility of the GP to make a referral having discussed options with their patient. Please ensure that the worklist is viewed daily to avoid avoid any delays to patient care.

e-RD updates (continued)

e-RS update

[NEW GSTT Acute \(updated 10 Feb 2021\)](#)

[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 \(8 Feb 2021\)](#)

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](#)

Medicines management

CAS alert

A CAS alert from 28.01.2021, alerted clinicians that azithromycin and doxycycline should NOT be used in the management of confirmed or suspected Covid-19 infection either within primary care or in hospitalised patients, unless there are additional indications for which its use remains appropriate.

From interim analysis, the PRINCIPLE trial concluded that azithromycin and doxycycline had no clinically meaningful beneficial effect compared to standard of care in patients aged over 50 who are treated at home in the early stages of Covid-19.

Click [here](#) for Southwark Covid-19 community care pathways (page 5) for appropriate use. Click [here](#) for CAS alert.

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