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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

'Comms toolkit' for the 1-4 and 6 cohorts

Last week NHS England launched a campaign to increase the number of Londoners vaccinated against the Covid-19 virus.

For the campaign they have developed a [communications toolkit](#) to help councillors, council officers and London assembly members encourage Londoners in cohorts 1-4 and 6 to get the vaccine by booking their appointment online or by calling 119.

Feel free to use the templates and messages in the toolkit when communicating with your communities.

Tamoxifen survey

Request from Macmillan GP Clinical Cancer Lead in Southwark

'Tamoxifen is approved by NICE as a drug that can be used in the primary prevention of breast cancer for women with a family history who are assessed to be at increased risk of developing the disease. But uptake is low. I am currently working with NHSE on a project that aims to make it easier for us in primary care to identify more women who are at increased risk and who might wish to consider this option.

As a starting point to assess the current situation I would be really grateful if you could fill in this short [Survey Monkey questionnaire](#)'

GP updates (continued)

Pathology update

You will be aware that a new pathology partnership is being created between **SYNLAB UK & Ireland, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust, and King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust**. The partnership begins on 1 April 2021 and will see SYNLAB taking responsibility for Viapath, which provides pathology services for many NHS organisations across south east London, including primary and community services in **Bromley, Southwark and Lambeth**.

From **1 October 2021, primary and community services in Greenwich and Bexley, and primary care services in Lewisham**, will also use pathology services provided by the new partnership, and more information about this will follow.

The **NHS/SYNLAB partnership** has agreed an ambitious programme to transform pathology services over the next four years, which will result in major improvements to the quality of patient care and to the experience of clinicians providing that care. Central to this transformation, which directly responds to the national clinical vision for the NHS, is the creation of a hub laboratory which will be based in the community.

This **new laboratory** will be purpose-built with access to **state-of-the art facilities** and equipment, and supported by a central IT system which will allow clinicians to order, track and access test results online.

Location of the new laboratory

Following a wide and thorough search, the location of the future hub laboratory has now been confirmed as **Friars Bridge Court, 41-45 Blackfriars Road, SE1 8NZ**.

The building was chosen based on a range of key criteria, including distance from the various NHS organisations it will serve, and its ability to house modern pathology services which respond effectively to the needs of the NHS across south east London.

You can find out more about the new hub laboratory as well as the transformation programme by visiting this dedicated [website](#)

Here are some other useful links:

Partnership overview [ebook](#)

[About the hub](#) - location maps, floor plan and key facts

[Questions and answers](#)

[Contact details](#)

'Business as usual' for colleagues in Bromley, Southwark and Lambeth

Just a reminder that there will be no change to pathology services on 1 April 2021 for these three boroughs, so please continue to work with Viapath as you always have done.

It would be helpful if you could please reassure and advise colleagues accordingly.

You will be kept up to speed with developments and have the opportunity to comment on transformational plans when they are ready to share. Please be assured that no changes to the service will be made without informing you.

GP updates (continued)

Clinical leaders wanted

A Clinical Effectiveness programme is being mobilised across south east London.

The programme is seeking two Clinical Leads, with exceptional leadership and stakeholder engagement skills, to bring together a multi-professional team that works across the six south east London boroughs to embed evidence-based systematic improvement methodologies, processes and resources.

To find out more [here](#)

Helping with AstraZeneca vaccine hesitancy

We have created a short leaflet to provide reassurance to individuals who are still nervous about having the AstraZeneca vaccine. This is only to be shared when patients express concerns about the AstraZeneca vaccine or call to cancel their appointments due to doubts about this vaccine. This can be sent via text or email to those patients.

To use this leaflet please contact: selccg.communications@nhs.net with the subject title AstraZeneca leaflet.

Covid-19 testing

Weekly update on staff Covid-19 testing

Latest [update](#) on testing for primary care staff in south east London. (Updated 19 March 2021).

Online seminars, webinars and e-Learning

Migrant health in primary care

The UK Chagas Hub and Hospital for Tropical Diseases are holding a free lunchtime webinar on migrant health in primary care on World Chagas Disease Day.

They plan to cover topics such as COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy, unaccompanied minors, travel health and Chagas disease.

It takes place 12.30pm to 2pm Wed, 14 April 2021. You can register for the event [here](#)

Online seminars, webinars and e-Learning (cont)

Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust ('GSST')

Vascular online seminar for primary care clinicians

7.15 to 8.15pm, Thursday 25 March 2021

Mr Michael Dialynan, Consultant Vascular Surgeon at Guy's and St Thomas' would like to invite you to this evening talk which will cover the most common vascular conditions in primary care.

Topics covered: Leg ulcers (looking at both venous and arterial leg ulcers): identification, treatment options and management, when and how to refer. Diabetic foot management.

This talk counts for one CPD point and a certificate of attendance will be sent to you afterwards.

Click on this [link](#) to register

For full details of all their planned online events see [here](#)

Research @ Lunchtime seminar series

12.30pm, Thursday 24 March 2021

This series showcases ground-breaking research taking place across the NIHR Guy's and St Thomas' BRC and King's College London Faculty of Life Sciences and Medicine.

Chaired by Professor Matt Brown, Director of the NIHR Guy's and St Thomas' Biomedical Research Centre, and delivered by subject experts in an accessible format, the seminars cover a variety of health research topics.

The seminars are free and appropriate for clinicians, clinical academics and students, and anyone else with an interest in health research.

Find out more about the series [here](#)

CAMHS Courses

Maudsley Learning are running a series of CAMHS Courses commissioned as part of the 'Our Healthier South East London' programme

Their next one - 'Early intervention & prevention in children's mental health' - is suitable for a range of non-mental health trained clinical staff working in a primary care setting.

This may include GPs, nurses, health care assistants/support workers, allied health professionals and social workers.

Attached is a [flyer](#) with information about the course which next runs on 31 March.

On 25 March, as part of the same series, they're running a course aimed at [helping GPs prevent suicide among patients in primary care, all details in this flyer](#)

Online seminars, webinars and e-Learning

King's Health Partners

King's Health Partners Academic Surgical Grand Round

5 to 6pm, Thursday 25 March

Topic - upper GI Surgery

Chaired by Mr. Abrie Botha, consultant upper gastrointestinal and general surgeon at Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust, with presentations from:

- Dr Sebastian Zeki, on 'Intelligent physiology: a roadmap to using concurrent physiology as a surgical guide'
- Mr. William Knight, on 'Poetry in motion: The evolving use of intraoperative endoflip planimetry to tailor per-oral endoscopic myotomy (POEM) in 2 UK centres.'
- For the Bulkey-Barry-Cooper lecture, we welcome Dr Lee Swanstrom, on 'Innovation in the minimally invasive treatment of chronic digestive diseases – gastroparesis'

More information and booking details can be found [here](#)

Urban Population Health Workshop

Join King's Health Partners on Wednesday 14 April to discuss urban populational health needs in our region.

South east London has a rich and diverse set of communities, cultures and ethnicities.

Yet our urban population experiences many challenges due to pockets of deprivation, and disparities in access to healthcare, good quality housing, education, opportunities for employment and other societal needs.

This is coupled with an ageing population, many of whom are living with multiple chronic conditions.

Working together with our communities and partners, we want to better understand the complex needs of our population, including the social and economic factors that create health inequalities.

Link to the event [here](#)

Information from acute providers

e-RS updates

[NEW GSTT Acute \(updated 23 March 2021\)](#)

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 \(22 March 2021\)](#)

From 24 March these updates will be fortnightly.

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