



**Issue 75/Wednesday, 31 March 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.

## Covid-19

### **AstraZeneca vaccine hesitancy flyers**

We have created a short flyer in printed and digital format to provide reassurance to individuals who are still nervous about having the AstraZeneca vaccine.

These are meant to be shared when patients express concerns about the AstraZeneca vaccine or call to cancel their appointments due to doubts about this vaccine.

Please contact: [selccg.communications@nhs.net](mailto:selccg.communications@nhs.net) with the subject 'AstraZeneca flyer' if you'd like to use it.

Also let us know which format(s) you would like. If you require the printed version, please specify how many copies you need.

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### **Covid-19 staff testing and reporting**

Regular antigen testing of all practice staff is critical to protect staff and patients, and slow the spread of Covid-19.

Staff testing is vital - even after vaccination. ALL test results regardless of outcome must be reported. Find out more [here](#)

## GP updates (continued)

### Datix launch for SEL Quality Alerts

The Quality Team at SEL CCG launches a new Datix web form from 1 April 2021 for anyone to log a quality alert.

The online form is quick, simple and easy to use. The information can be entered onto one page and at the click of a button your alert will be received by the team. You will also receive an automatic notification and alert reference number making it easier to track.

Your quality alert is an important part of system wide learning and supports patient safety across the Integrated Care System. Quality alerts have helped us support closer integration and so improve our patient care. Log your alert now [here](#).

For any questions about the system or to understand what constitutes a Quality Alert or how they are graded contact the team: [selccg.qualityalerts@nhs.net](mailto:selccg.qualityalerts@nhs.net)

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### JVCI advice for adults living with immunosuppressed adults

The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) advised the Government on 29 March to now prioritise people for Covid-19 vaccinations who are over 16 and living with adults who have weakened immune systems, such as those with blood cancer, HIV or those on immunosuppressive treatment, including chemotherapy.

More information can be found [here](#)

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### New pathology partnership starting 1 April 2021

On 1 April 2021 Guy's and St Thomas' and King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trusts officially form a partnership with SYNLAB UK & Ireland to deliver and transform pathology services across south east London.

#### What does this mean for GP practices in Bromley, Southwark and Lambeth?

Services will continue to operate as they do now for GPs and patients (requesting/getting tests/receiving results). There are no immediate changes for GPs, and no initial requirement to do anything differently as a result of the new partnership. For any future changes, there will be timely notification and opportunity for general practice input.

#### What does this mean for GP practices in Bexley, Greenwich and Lewisham?

Primary and Community Care services in Greenwich and Bexley, and Primary Care services in Lewisham are expected to transfer to the partnership from 1 October 2021 with planning already underway, working with the Trust, SYNLAB and general practice.

Again, there should be no immediate changes to general practice as the service is expected to transition smoothly. The partnership will be working with stakeholders to develop these plans to ensure a safe transfer of service.

Please read [here](#) for more information.

## 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](#)

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### Our Healthier South East London (ICS)

#### Return to work workshop

- This workshop is one of a number of new Integrated Care System (ICS) commissions open to all staff in the South East London ICS to support staff health and wellbeing.
- This one is aimed at health and social care staff who are currently absent or returning to work. Those returning after long periods of redeployment would also benefit.
- The workshop is open to health and care staff across SEL ICS and is being delivered by Maudsley Learning who have considerable expertise and experience in supporting returners focusing on personal skills and wellbeing.
- This is a one day workshop and places are fully funded by SEL ICS.
- The first one was held today (Wednesday 31 March) but further workshops are being held in May, June and July.
- People can book directly by clicking on the book now link on this [flyer](#)

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

#### Research@Lunchtime

The seminar series that showcases groundbreaking research taking place across the NIHR, Guy's and St Thomas' BRC and King's College London Faculty of Life Sciences and Medicine.

This week's seminar is chaired by Professor Matt Brown, Director of the NIHR Guy's and St Thomas' Biomedical Research Centre and delivered by Prof Sophia Karagiannis on the topic of Human B cells and the humoral response to inform monoclonal antibody design for the treatment of solid tumours.

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

To find out more about this one, and the series, see [here](#)

## Online seminars, webinars and e-Learning (cont)

### Voice, airway and swallowing disorders in general practice

Date: Monday 12 April 2021

Time: 7.30 to 8.30pm

Mr Yakubu Karagama, Consultant ENT Surgeon and Laryngologist at Guy's and St Thomas' invites you to a one-hour interactive virtual seminar where you can learn to improve the diagnosis, patient referrals and management of voice, swallow and airway disorders in primary care.

Questions will be taken at the end of the talk. This event attracts one CPD point. You can book via this [link](#)

A [link](#) to all other forthcoming GSST online learning events.

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### King's Health Partners

#### 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 \(updated 30 March 2021\)](#)

# 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 22 March these updates are fortnightly.

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