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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.

Covid-19

Updated London IPC guidance

Please find a [link](#) to the latest Infection Protection Control (IPC) guidance from NHSE.

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

Oxleas' Oxcare update

Oxleas NHS Trust has provided us with an [update](#) about Oxcare, their personal health care record system.

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 on to 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

Post-COVID assessment clinics update

This is to update you on the specialist Post-COVID Syndrome Assessment clinics being delivered by King's Health Partners in south east London.

As directed by NHSE/I, these clinics assess patients who are still experiencing signs and symptoms of COVID-19 more than 12 weeks after contracting the virus, with the symptoms not explained by an alternative diagnosis.

Clinics at Princess Royal University Hospital (PRUH) and Guy's and St Thomas' (GSST) - are now open for referrals.

Both clinics are under the 'Respiratory' specialty. Patients with constitutional symptoms will be appropriately triaged. Post-COVID advice and guidance is also available at both Trusts.

For referrals to KCH – PRUH, clinics can be found on eRS as:

Post-COVID Respiratory Assessment Service @ PRUH for King's College Hospital - RJZ30

Referrals to GSTT on eRS as:

Post-COVID MDT Assessment Clinic - St Thomas' Site - Respiratory Medicine - Guy's and St Thomas'

Post-COVID Advice Service - Respiratory Medicine - Guy's and St Thomas' - RJ1

Please ensure that prior to identifying any patients for assessment in the specialist clinics, all the relevant referral information and investigations (bloods, CXR and so on) are complete to prevent rejected referrals (or missed diagnoses).

GPs can also direct patients to www.yourcovidrecovery.nhs.uk for general support and information.

Information governance

Smartcard and IT systems access control audit

A reminder to GP practices and staff to ensure that access to the Care Identity Service (Smartcards) and other clinical IT systems is updated or revoked when staff roles change or if staff leave an organisation.

Maintaining robust access controls to the GP practice IT systems is important in ensuring that patients' information remains secure and is handled in line with the data protection legal obligations. It is recommended that an audit is completed at least quarterly to check your staff records against the CIS system and other IT systems, to ensure the controls remain up to date.

Evidence of these audits can be maintained and will help a GP practice meet the Data Security and Protection Toolkit (DSPT) assertions 1.5.2 and 4.2.1.

Failure to maintain robust access controls may result in inappropriate access to patient information, and lead to a data breach and possible penalties by the Information Commissioners Office.

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](#)

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.

Next week's seminar is from Professor Andrea Streit whose research focuses on the development of vertebrate sense organs. Her primary interest is to understand the molecular and cellular mechanisms that control cell fate decisions in the sensory nervous system, and how we can use this knowledge to promote regeneration and repair.

The seminars are free and appropriate for 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.

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](#)

Qwell webinar

We have commissioned a pilot for [Qwell](#) to provide digital mental health and wellbeing support for anyone aged over 26 in south east London. The Qwell service is provided by [Kooth](#), who also run the well-established online mental wellbeing service for young people aged 10-25. With Qwell there are no referrals, waiting lists or thresholds to meet. Patients can anonymously access accredited counselling, peer support and wellbeing resources online at [Qwell](#)

To find out how Qwell can help your patients, please attend their GP webinar on Thursday 6 May 2021 at 11.30am. Click [here](#) for more details.

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 \(5 April 2021\)](#)

From 22 March these updates are now appearing fortnightly.

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