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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

Urgent update on recommending AstraZeneca alternatives

GPs are asked not to write to recommend that their patients receive a different vaccine to the Oxford-AstraZeneca if the patient does not meet the criteria for getting an alternative vaccine. Only those individuals who meet the criteria for an alternative vaccine to AstraZeneca will be booked for a Pfizer or Moderna vaccine.

Currently, the individuals to meet the criteria for an alternative to the AstraZeneca vaccine are:

- those aged 18 to 29
- those aged 16 or 17 who have a learning disability
- those who are pregnant and not yet had their first dose
- individuals with a history of [certain types of blood clotting](#)

For further information on the issue you can refer to the following:

[FAQs: MHRA and JCVI guidance on AstraZeneca Covid-19 and very rare clotting disorders](#)

[Covid-19 Green Book Chapter 14a 9 updated Apr 15\)](#)

[Blood clotting information for healthcare professionals](#) (gov.uk)

[Information for healthcare professionals on blood clotting following COVID-19 vaccination](#) (gov.uk)

Covid-19 (continued)

JVCI announcement on vaccinations during pregnancy

Please see a [link](#) from JVCI with respect to their latest announcement (17 April) on Covid-19 vaccinations during pregnancy and the next steps.

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](#) in our weekly update.

GP updates

Reporting Quality Alerts in SEL

The Quality Team at SEL CCG launched a new Datix web form on 1 April 2021 for anyone to submit quality alerts online.

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 alerts are an important part of system wide learning, and support patient safety across the Integrated Care System. Quality alerts have helped us support closer integration and improve our patient care.

Please submit your quality alerts online using this link: [DCIQ: South East London CCG Incident Reporting Form](#) (datixcloudiq.co.uk)

For any questions about the online system or to understand what constitutes a Quality Alert or how they are graded, you may contact the team via email: selccg.qualityalerts@nhs.net

Clinical effectiveness programme

South east London's clinical effectiveness programme is now recruiting local borough-based clinical leaders. The programme will embed evidence-based systematic improvement methodology processes and resources across south east London, working with Primary Care Networks to support GP practices to improve health outcomes and reduce health inequalities for the local population. To find out more and/or apply please go to the following borough-specific links:

[Bexley](#), [Bromley](#), [Greenwich](#), [Lambeth](#) and [Southwark](#)

You can also contact the SEL CE Mobilisation Project Manager nick.harris@nhs.net

Online seminars, webinars and e-Learning

NHS London staff Q&A on Covid-19 vaccine, fertility and pregnancy

The NHS in London has organised another online Q&A session for health and social care staff on the Covid-19 vaccine, fertility and pregnancy, following the interest in the one they hosted on 30 March.

It will take place **noon to 1pm, Thursday 22 April 2021**.

All staff eligible for the Covid-19 vaccine are welcome to join. Please use this [link](#) to join the meeting.

This is a Teams live event and so there is no limit on numbers who can join the meeting.

New ways of working with physical and mental health

Lunchtime webinar for GPs and commissioners on 'New Ways of working with physical and mental health in primary care' 12 to 1pm on 13 May. It is a collaboration between the NHS confederation, the Centre for Mental Health and the British Psychological Society.

Psychologists and a GP will talk about their work with patients, particularly those hard to help such as frequent attenders and people eating disorders
Its free, but you'll need to book on [eventbrite](#)

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 (12.30 pm to 1:00pm 22 April) is called '**Can hearing loss be reversed?**' and is delivered by Professor Karen Steel whose research focuses on the development of vertebrate sense organs.

Her main goal is to understand deafness, using genetics as a tool to understand the underlying molecular pathways, and her current focus is on progressive (age-related) hearing loss. Her group works with both mouse and human data, using the mouse for understanding the different pathophysiological mechanisms involved in hearing loss and human genomic data to establish the most common types of deafness in the population. Several of the pathways she has identified in the mouse are good targets for drug development.

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)

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

Lung cancer for primary care clinicians

An interactive web seminar on lung cancer where you will learn about 2WW referrals, lung cancer screening and hospital support for care in the community. This will also cover the difference between COVID-19 and lung cancer symptoms. This event attracts one CPD point.

> 1.30 to 2.30pm, 23 April 2021

Please book via this [link](#)

For a full list of their forthcoming online events see [here](#)

Schwartz Rounds

The Schwartz Rounds team invites you to join us for the next virtual Schwartz Round. The theme of this round is: 'Feeling diminished,' when staff members share their experiences of disability as part of their identity as individuals and as healthcare professionals. They invite us to reflect on what has shaped us, and on our practice.

Schwartz Rounds provide a structured forum for staff from all disciplines to discuss the human aspects of delivering care. The session will last one hour. Open to all staff. Discussions are confidential and take place in a safe environment.

> 1 to 2pm, 23 April 2021

To register click [here](#). After registering, nearer the time you will receive an email containing further information with the joining link. For more information email:

SchwartzRounds@gstt.nhs.uk

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 \(updated 21 April 2021\)](#)

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 \(19 April 2021\)](#)

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