



**Issue 82/Wednesday 19 May 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

### **Next steps for COVID-19 vaccination second doses guidance**

The JCVI has recommended accelerating second COVID-19 vaccination doses for cohorts 1-9 to combat the spread of the COVID-19 Indian variant.

The JCVI advises that every effort is made to promote vaccine uptake in those who remain unvaccinated in priority cohorts 1 to 9 – these people remain at highest risk of severe outcomes from COVID-19.

Where vaccine supply allows, particularly in areas where B.1.617.2 is a major threat, the second dose of vaccine should be brought forward from 12 to 8 weeks.

This week the NHS COVID-19 vaccination programme also opened to people aged 36 and 37 from Tuesday 18 May.

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### **Updated Patient Decision Aid - AstraZeneca (AZ) Covid-19 vaccine and the risk of blood clotting**

Following the updated JCVI guidance on the risk of blood clotting with the AZ COVID-19 vaccine in adults under the age of 39, the Southwark Medicines Optimisation Team have revised our local Patient Decision Aid to support clinicians with the review of patients.

[This document also provides information on managing suspected adverse effects with the vaccine.](#)

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## COVID-19 vaccination status/proof of vaccination – communication materials

People in England who have had a full course (two doses) of the COVID-19 vaccine can demonstrate their vaccination status through the following routes:

- the [NHS App](#)
- the [NHS website](#)
- ringing 119 to get a letter

The NHS appointment card from vaccination centres cannot be used as proof of vaccination.

GP practices can use these [communications materials](#) on websites, voicemail and social media to promote the routes to their patients. More information is on the [GOV.UK website](#). There is also information on [how to use the NHS App](#).

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## Anti-vaccination protests in south east London

In the event of an incident involving anti vaccination protesters at a vaccination site the site should call 999 and ask for the Police to attend immediately. The risk assessment made by the Police will be dependent on the information given during the call. If there is any verbal harassment or threatening behaviour this needs to be clearly articulated during the 999 call. If Policing colleagues fail to attend in a timely manner the site would need to contact 999 again.

If protests are taking place on a public highway then the Police have some powers to move them on if there is a breach of the peace and possibly under COVID legislation. If the protesters are on private property or NHS property then they can be asked to leave by the site security and should be considered as trespassing if they do not comply.

Any incidents to be escalated through the SVOC/[RVOC](#) route, notifying EPRR. Any declaration of a Major Incident would be notifiable by the CCG/STP/ICS Director on call in the usual way to NHS01.

Use this [standardised formal reporting, escalation and recording process of security issues form](#) to report a protest to RVOC - [england.london-covid19voc@nhs.net](mailto:england.london-covid19voc@nhs.net) and SVOC - [selccg.incident@nhs.net](mailto:selccg.incident@nhs.net)

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## 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](#) (updated 6 May 2021).

## GP updates

### Joint CCG LLMC comms on data sharing

The London-wide LMC and SEL Our Healthier SEL (OHSEL) ICS team are working on your behalf to enable the sharing of information safely and legally. This communication gives you an update on progress and some recommended simple steps that each practice should take.

The Our Healthier SEL (OHSEL) ICS team are supporting further information sharing, beyond individual direct care, which will help with population health management, care planning and improving quality of care (across SEL and London)

- Work is undertaken on behalf of all SEL partners and stakeholders, following extensive and on-going consultation (LMC, Professional Leads, IG Leads and Citizens).
- Information from Health and Social Care will be collated into a single place (called a data warehouse) and used to create population health and care management tools and dashboards as well as to support a range of other appropriate and approved care and quality improvement uses (managed by a [Data Usage Committee](#)).

#### **ACTIONS for practices and providers:**

- Open the email received from the Data Controller Console “DataController” (DCC) when you receive it.
- Login to the DCC, read and accept the IG documents for the SEL Data Service, which you have been invited to accept.
- Add the Our Healthier SEL [Privacy Notice](#) to your practice and organisational websites and if appropriate onto waiting room notice boards, to ensure the public and professionals can see the work being undertaken and the benefits (and people’s rights in connection to data sharing).
- All stakeholders will be kept up to date with progress, benefits and approved uses of the information (newsletters, briefings, OHSEL website).
- Also please review the [One London Public Deliberation](#) work that took place in late 2019, early 2020, which offered us very strong public support and feedback for the work we are undertaking.
- Look at the resources on the <https://www.ourhealthiersel.nhs.uk/projects/information-sharing.htm>
- We would encourage all practices to sign up but this is voluntary and opt out is an option.

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### Change of service provider for the children’s end of life pathway – Bexley

On Monday 17 May the community children’s nursing team at Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust will begin to deliver the children’s end of life pathway in Bexley. This change was arranged through South East London Clinical Commissioning Group (SEL CCG).

Oxleas team has been working closely with Ellenor to ensure a smooth transfer of these important services and have managed this with no impact on any of the families who use the service. Please note that Ellenor will continue to provide respite services in the Bexley area, using existing staff and working in close liaison with the team in Oxleas.

The new contact details for the service are:

Community children's nursing team  
Acorns,  
Children and young people's services  
Queen Mary's Hospital  
Frognaal Place  
Sidcup, Kent DA14 6LT

Tel no: 0203 004 0092

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## Learning from quality alerts and incidents in South East London - Reminder

Your quality alerts support system wide learning and patient safety, which can lead to improvements in the quality of care for south east London residents. Read about some lessons learnt from quality alerts in [this document](#).

### Information from acute providers

## Important changes to cardiology referrals to Guy's and St Thomas' and King's

As the second wave of COVID-19 passes, we are expecting to see a return to normal referring patterns. Cardiologists at both Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust (GSTT) and King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (including the Princess Royal University Hospital - KCH) have been reviewing the clinics they run to ensure that the right patients are seen in the right clinic, by the right clinician, first time, every time. This has led to the decision to redefine the general cardiology clinic at GSTT and KCH and replace it with interventional cardiology, which more accurately describes what service it offers, to remove confusion about where a patient should be referred.

Interventional cardiologists provide care and advice for patients with suspected or known coronary artery disease. They are experts in the assessment of coronary artery disease risk and the management of that risk to reduce further cardiac events. Most patients will be referred due to the presence of chest pain or an equivalent symptom and are assessed both in clinic and with further specialist tests.

Patients with recent onset of symptoms may be better reviewed in Accident and Emergency (A&E) if they have unstable angina or by the nurse led rapid access chest pain clinic for if they have exertional chest pain, which is relieved by rest, suggestive of new onset angina in the last two to three months. The rapid access chest pain clinic at is now bookable via e-RS at both KCH and GSTT. Please note that at GSTT the Rapid Access Chest Pain Clinic (RACPC) is an assessment service so the patient will be given a dummy appointment, which they must not attend. The service will contact them to book their appointment.

All the Directory of Services have been reviewed so please use the different clinic types under Cardiology to access the correct service – **do not** default to the *Clinic Type: Not Otherwise Specified* as we have condition specific services set up and selecting the correct clinic will ensure less delays to the patient pathway or referrals being rejected.

If, after reviewing the Directory of Service, including the alternative services section, the GP does not know which is the best service to refer to, they should use the advice and guidance function on e-RS and the triaging clinician will advise accordingly. If admin staff do not know which service to select, they need to ask the referring GP for advice. If a

clinic at GSTT runs from both locations, please shortlist both, to avoid any appointment slot issues.

If you have any issues, please email Sally-Anne Holman at [sally-anne.holman@gstt.nhs.uk](mailto:sally-anne.holman@gstt.nhs.uk)

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## Important changes to referrals to Nephrology Services

If you haven't switched your Data Sharing Agreement yet, follow use the [guide to switch on data sharing](#) in less than five minutes. Most GPs in South East London have already so don't let your patients miss out!

Guy's and St Thomas' and King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trusts, in collaboration with South East London CCG, have streamlined the referral pathway for kidney disease. All referrals must be made via directly bookable slots on the NHS e-Referral service (e-RS) using the bespoke SEL Nephrology referral form. The referrals must be made to one of the below service names:

- SEL Nephrology @ Guy's
- SEL Nephrology @ KCH Denmark Hill
- SEL Nephrology @ KCH PRUH

Following referral, the patient will have a comprehensive review using their EMIS record. For this review to take place, you must:

- Use the bespoke SEL Nephrology referral form
- Record that you have obtained consent from the patient for their notes to be shared on EMIS and on the SEL Nephrology referral form (by ticking the box on EMIS and on the SEL Nephrology referral form)
- Turn on data sharing with GSTT and KCH in your practice's instance of EMIS

[Find out more about the changes here.](#)

If you have any questions, please contact [James.Oddy@gstt.nhs.uk](mailto:James.Oddy@gstt.nhs.uk) or [thomas.munday@nhs.net](mailto:thomas.munday@nhs.net)

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## Stroke and TIA mobile helpline

The stroke team at Guy's and St Thomas' have set up a direct mobile. It is manned Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm and they welcome all calls regarding stroke or TIA.

**Call the team on 07825 023 845.**

Primary care referrals can be made by phoning TIA MOBILE or alternatively email [gst-tr.gsttstrokereferrals@nhs.net](mailto:gst-tr.gsttstrokereferrals@nhs.net) (Out of hours). Please see our website for the TIA pathway and GP referral form. All patients referred should receive the TIA patient information leaflet.

<https://www.guysandstthomas.nhs.uk/our-services/stroke/referrals.aspx>

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## King's 5-year strategy – your input is needed

King's College Hospital is currently developing a new 5-year strategy, and as a valued partner, would like to invite you to help get this right for the communities and populations we all serve. The pandemic has brought the needs of our local communities into sharp focus, along with the importance of taking a holistic view of what it means to care for our staff and be an excellent employer. This, combined with the changes in the national health and social care landscape, and the opportunities provided by new technologies and innovation, mean that this is the right time to set a new vision, priorities and aims for

King's.

## Get involved

King's are holding an engagement session for a wide range of partners on **Thursday 20 May 2021 from 10am-11.30am**. Register your interest by emailing [kch-tr.strategy@nhs.net](mailto:kch-tr.strategy@nhs.net)

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## e-RS updates

[See the latest e-RS updates from Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust.](#)

New service updates include:

- Allergy vaccine process for Guys and St Thomas'
- Suspension of Advice and Guidance referrals
- Rapid Access Diagnostic Service update
- Hand Therapy referrals
- Free Mindfulness sessions

## Online seminars, webinars and e-Learning

### King's Health Partners primary care webinar series 2021

The third in this year's King's Health Partners Primary Care Webinar series will focus on Haematology. We will be discussing how COVID-19 has impacted outcomes for haematology patients; we will talk about COVID-19 and clots; and how COVID-19 impacted on health inequalities for people with sickle cell in south east London. You will also hear about the support available to primary care and future plans around the haematology network.

[Register your place and join us on 19 May.](#)

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### Cardiac implications of Post-Covid syndrome

The **South London Cardiac Operational Delivery Network** would like to invite all primary care clinicians to a one-hour interactive virtual seminar with a practical overview of cardiology in primary care.

**Thursday 27 May 2021 at 13:30 – 14:30**

The session will cover **cardiac implications of Post-Covid syndrome**, including the management of these patients in primary care and which patients to refer to secondary care for review and treatment.

We will be joined by speakers from various Trusts across South London:

- **Dr Daniel Sado**, Consultant Cardiologist at King's College Hospital
- **Dr Simon Pearse**, Consultant Cardiologist at Kingston University Hospital and St George's University Hospital

After you register you will be sent an invitation link to join the talk with all the instructions.

Please note this event will be hosted on MS Teams, which can be accessed on a computer (via web browser or app) or mobile device/tablet (via the app).

To register, please follow this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/south-london-cardiology-and-post-covid-syndrome-primary-care-virtual-talk-tickets-149718194149>

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## **Leadership Support Circles for team leaders, supervisors and managers in social care and health - Reminder**

This year has been a very challenging one for all staff across our health and social care organisations, and in particular it has been challenging for many of our supervisors, team leaders and managers.

If you could use a boost, why not check out the award-winning Leadership Support Circles, now being offered to all managers within South East London ICS. Circles provide a safe, reflective space to come together with other managers to share experience. They provide evidence-based guidance and tools, similar to Schwartz Rounds and Care Circles. Circles run for 1 hour and are hosted virtually by ICS colleagues. Each circle focuses on one of 10 elements of leadership and management most important during and after crisis. A trained Faculty of facilitators launch the first round of sessions on **Wednesday 2 June** and this will run through all the sessions until **Wednesday 7 July**. All sessions will be hosted on Zoom. Find out more [here](#).

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## **Improving health and wellbeing of young people**

*A free course for social prescribers and practitioners working with young people in the community.*

King's Health Partners is facilitating three sessions on:

- Background to adolescent health and communication
- Motivational interviewing skills
- Mental health awareness and resilience skills

The first takes place on 25 May. [Book your place here](#).

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## **2021-22 clinical academic innovation workshop series**

Join King's Health Partners for the next instalment in their clinical academic innovation workshop series on 9 June 2021 where the focus will be on transforming system-wide quality improvement and outcomes.

They will draw on experience and expertise from partnership work across south east London and beyond, with a focus on understanding the outcomes that matter to patients and those closest to them and making best use of available resources, to deliver sustainable health improvements for our communities.

This will be an interactive event, bringing together experience and expertise from speakers across system-wide partnerships. [Register your place](#).

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## Equitable care for LGBT+ patients in Cancer Screening and Early Diagnosis

Live Through This, the UK's only LGBT + Cancer Charity will be hosting a free educational webinar available to **all** primary care staff across South East London.

The webinar will assist in helping primary care staff to:

- Understand LGBT + identities and the language used by the community
- Talk to LGBT+ patients respectfully to discuss their health and identity
- Recognise barriers to equitable care for LGBT+ people
- Identify differences in screening procedures and experiences for LGBT+ people
- Manage patient records to best support their health and access to screening

Attending the webinar will also help to support PCNs and practices in meeting the Early diagnosis elements within the **PCN DES Specification** and **Quality Outcomes Framework (QOF)**.

If you would like to attend, then please register your details here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/equitable-care-for-lgbt-patients-in-cancer-screening-and-early-diagnosis-tickets-149715845123>

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## COVID-19 Response Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust – GP Communications – GP Learning Events

Access a [list](#) of GP learning events being run by Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust. Future events include:

- Maudsley Learning – Wellbeing in Action: Preventing Illness and Sustaining Recovery – Wednesday 23 June or Wednesday 24 November
- Home Mechanical Ventilation UK Meeting – Friday 25 June
- Applying Genomics to Clinical Practice – Online programme.

[Find further information on these courses and more events, and book your place.](#)

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## COVID-19 Response Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust – GP Communications

Access a [document](#) which includes new service updates in red, under sections 1, 2 & 3.

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## Cancer as a long-term condition: Treatment and care A Continuous Professional Development Course for Registered Practice Nurses

Macmillan Cancer Support has developed a new programme specifically for the Practice Nurse to enable you to enhance your knowledge and skills in cancer care. During this pilot course we will be asking you to provide feedback on the content of the course and support with the completion of additional evaluations. This is a free blended learning programme that will be launched on Monday 28 June 2021.

The programme incorporates e-learning, self-directed learning and virtual face to face facilitated sessions. Macmillan estimate that it will take between 20-25 hours in total



to complete over a 12-week period. A certificate of achievement will be awarded upon completion of the course. [More information is available on the flyer.](#)

Book your place on the [Macmillan booking form.](#)

## 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.

Important updates include:

- Incident relating to the cervical screening programme
- Suggested breast cancer referrals
- Prostate Cancer UK Fast Track Referral Tool
- COVID-19 Vaccination in Cancer Patients

[Cancer updates for GPs \(17 May 2021\)](#)

## Fellowship placement

### Population Health Fellow placement at the King's Fund

Applications are invited for the position of a Population Health Fellow at The King's Fund to commence in September 2021, funded by Health Education England. This Fellow will also join a concurrent learning programme with Health Education England. The post will be two days per week for one year and will take place as an external secondment. This is an opportunity for NHS clinical staff across multi-professional teams to develop skills in population health. The fellowship targets early to mid-career, registered health care professionals providing NHS services (AfC band 6 and above, or equivalent; dentists-in-training; doctors-in-training post-FY2 and their SAS equivalent). The aim of the fellowship is to develop a network of clinicians from a non-population health background with population health skills to benefit place-based health care systems across England.

Please click the link below for the full advert and more information:

<https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/about-us/jobs/population-health-fellowship>

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