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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

Patient choice of brand of COVID-19 vaccine

Based on feedback from the Professional Advisory Group on 18 May 2021, the statement on patient choice of brand of COVID-19 vaccine has been revised.

The patient statements remain unchanged. The provider updates include:

- Patient preference and supplies
- Deviating from vaccine brand and second doses

See statements for both Providers and Patients [here](#). Revisions to previous statement are in red.

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](#) in our weekly update.

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

Following a change to national guidance on the risk of blood clotting with the AZ COVID-19 vaccine, the Patient Decision Aid to support clinicians with the review of patients has been updated. This document also provides information on managing suspected adverse effects with the vaccine and is [available on the SELCCG GP website](#).

GP updates

General Practice Data for Planning and Research

Changes were recently announced to the process that NHS Digital uses to collect data from GP surgeries to help plan services and research potential new treatments and improve patient outcome. The new approach to data collection will be more efficient and effective.

SEL CCG Chair, Dr Jonty Heaversedge, wrote to primary care colleagues on 7 June 2021, to signpost to further information on the changes; including a background to the change, data provision notice, maintaining transparency and UK GDPR, as well as the guidance from NHS Digital on what GP practices should do next. NHS Digital have also produced a Q&A document.

The deadline to start collection has now been extended to 1 September 2021.

Read the [letter](#) sent out on 7 June. See the NHS Digital [Q&As](#) for further information.

Information from Acute Providers

Head, Neck and Thyroid at Princess Royal University Hospital - change in 2WW referrals

A clinical assessment service is now in operation for all 2WW clinics. This change allows the clinical team to review referrals prior to booking into a 2WW clinic.

At point of triage the clinical team will decide whether or not the patient will require a diagnostic test prior to being seen in clinic – it will usually be an ultrasound guided biopsy for 2WW neck lump and thyroid referrals. All other 2WW Head & Neck referrals will be offered a face-to-face appointment.

Radiology: Ultrasound and imaging requests at Princess Royal University Hospital and South Sites

All imaging should be requested via TQUEST portal only – Radiology will not accept paper requests. Please ensure:

- Requests are clinically indicated
- All Transvaginal ultrasound requests are referred to PML directly as the service is commissioned by CCG. PML radiology will only accept referrals out of scope, for example:
 - Under 18-year-olds
 - Any that are unable to consent for any reason
 - Any that are virgo intacta

2WW pathway Transvaginal ultrasound requests should be referred directly to Gynaecology service.

e-RS updates

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

Read the new [service updates](#) in red, under sections 1, 2 & 3. This includes:

- 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

What Matters To You Day - 9 June 2021

Wednesday 9 June is National What Matters To You Day. The South East London Personalised Care team have partnered with our personalised care colleagues in the South East London Cancer Alliance to host a webinar for professionals and members of the public to hear from different people with lived experience about what matters most to them and to highlight some of the services we have in South East London.

The webinar takes place on Microsoft Teams from 10.30am - 12pm on 9 June and [you can book your place here.](#)

For further information [see here.](#)

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

Access a [list](#) of GP learning events from GSTT which covers:

- Home Mechanical Ventilation UK Meeting 2021
- Maudsley Learning – Wellbeing in Action: Preventing Illness and Sustaining Recovery
- Applying Genomics to Clinical Practice
- South East London Primary Care Cancer Webinar Series

Understanding autism

Free training for all primary care staff will increase awareness and understanding of autism, help with practical communication strategies and increase awareness of local support and pathways.

Thursday 1 July 2021 10:00 – 13:00

For further information [see here](#) and [register here.](#)

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
- e-RS advice and guidance - 'Consent to convert' to referral not in use

[Cancer updates for GPs \(7 June 2021\)](#)

Quality improvements

'You said – we did' – June 2021 update

Quality alerts support system wide learning and patient safety which can lead for improvements in quality in the care of our residents of south east London. Read the latest edition on lessons learned from quality alerts and incidents.

To find out more email Selccg.qualityalerts@nhs.net. Report your quality alert [here](#).

Information resource

New guide for LGBT patients on what to expect from their doctor

A new guide for lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans (LGBT) patients, setting out what they should expect from their doctor, has been published to coincide with the start of Pride Month by the General Medical Council (GMC).

For further information [see here](#).

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