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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

This week, as we celebrate the 73rd birthday of the NHS, we want to say thank you to our colleagues and volunteers across all SEL vaccination sites. We are truly grateful for your relentless efforts to ensure south east London residents are vaccinated and protected against COVID-19.

To highlight the incredible work being done by NHS teams on vaccination sites we are running a short series of articles on the [people behind our vaccination programme](#). Read the first article with Seb Kalwij [here](#). If you have a colleague who you would like us to feature in this series please email us at: selccg.communications@nhs.net

A stylized 'Thank You' graphic in blue cursive script with decorative flourishes and small plus signs.

To our Healthcare Heroes



Thank you for helping to make
the impossible achievable.

From South East London ICS Gold Executive

Acceleration of second doses for all cohorts

On 5 July 2021, the government set out their latest guidance for appointments of a second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine to be brought forward from 12 to eight weeks for the remaining people in all cohorts who have yet to receive their second dose. This is to ensure everyone has the strongest possible protection from the Delta variant of the virus at the earliest opportunity possible.

This announcement builds on the previous advice that second doses for cohorts 1-9 should be brought forward from 12 weeks to eight weeks. Second dose vaccinations should not be offered earlier than eight weeks.

Any decision to vaccinate earlier than eight weeks should be made by a clinician on a case-by-case basis and must be based on clinical risks and benefits of giving the second dose earlier than eight weeks. Read more [here](#).

London COVID-19 Vaccine Clinical Reference Group - Update

On 1 July 2021, the London Immunisation Team, NHS E/I, issued seven clinical updates for local vaccination teams and GPs:

1. Ensuring prompt refrigeration of COVID-19 vaccines on delivery to a vaccination site
2. Minimising the risk of administration of the wrong COVID-19 vaccine
3. Statement from PHE on completing the course of AstraZeneca vaccine
4. Determining which vaccine to give for the second dose
5. Vaccine certification for vaccine trial participants
6. COVID-19 vaccine incident reporting
7. Information to support non-GP registered groups to access vaccination

Read further [details here](#).

Reminder: Please send clinical queries and report all clinical incidents, including cold chain incidents, to england.london-covid19voc@nhs.net

How to stop the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) – PHE guidance update

Read the latest updated guidance from Public Health England, dated 11 June 2021, regarding how to stop the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). The guidance has now been made available on the Public Health England [website](#) in 30 different languages.

NHS COVID Pass service

People vaccinated in England who have had a full course of the COVID-19 vaccine can demonstrate their COVID-19 vaccination status for international travel. NHS Digital has produced a guide for general practice to provide you with up-to-date information on the NHS COVID Pass service and what you should do if a registered patient contacts you about incorrect information in their health record. Further information is available on the [NHS Digital website](#).

COVID-19 Staff testing and reporting

Important information on the changes to staff ordering and reporting lateral flow testing kits for asymptomatic testing

From 5 July 2021, the NHS moved to an individual 'pull' model of LFD supply. This means staff will need to replenish their tests by ordering from the gov.uk [website](#) to be sent directly to their home address. Primary care organisations will no longer order tests for their staff via the Primary Care Support England (PCSE) portal. Staff will be able to order their own tests online and input the postcode of their workplace to ensure the tests are registered as belonging to an NHS member of staff. A box of seven tests will be posted to staff at their home address. Staff will continue to report the results of their tests on the gov.uk website as per current practice. Organisations and regions will receive management information from NHS Test and Trace to help them understand what proportion of their staff have ordered and reported tests including contractor group and region.

For further information read the NHS E/I [letter](#), the new [SOP](#), [FAQs for primary care](#).

FAQs for NHS Trusts and staff are available [here](#).

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

Important reminder - Smartcard and IT systems access control audit

As part of the data security and protection toolkit, GP practices must ensure that their systems access controls remain up to date. You must ensure that any changes to staff roles or when staff leave an organisation, access to the Care Identity Service (Smartcards) and other clinical IT systems are updated or revoked. Further information [here](#).

Update on Clinical Effectiveness South-East London (CESEL)

Mobilisation of the CESEL programme continues to gather pace. Borough-based clinical leads are now in post for most of the local boroughs.

The initial focus of the borough-based clinical leads is to scope and describe local priority areas for the CESEL Programme. This will be informed by reviewing local evidence, resources and data as well as engaging key local stakeholders. The team are grateful for the opportunity to speak with local borough and PCN Clinical Leads to shape 'prioritisation', at the earliest opportunity.

Borough-based leads will also play a really important part in locally designing clinical effectiveness support resources across the respective boroughs, while forging strong relationships with PCNs to shape and embed support to local practices. Read more [here](#).

View this [short film](#) (produced by the Health Foundation) which describes how the CESEL programme can help practice teams.

Information from Acute Providers

Consultant Connect advice line for General Paediatrics – service extends hours

From 1 July 2021 the advice line at Guy's and St Thomas' will be available from 9:00 to 19:00, Monday to Friday. Please call for urgent advice. Non-urgent advice is available via ERS or through your PCN child health team.

Baby allergy clinic for allergy prevention – Rapid access clinic

Guy's and St Thomas' have developed a rapid access clinic for babies with eczema who have not reached their first birthday, with the aim of introducing allergenic foods such as peanut into their diet. Regular peanut consumption can protect against the development of peanut allergy. The clinic is listed on ERS as VIDEO Allergy Clinic for Babies – Evelina Children's Hospital – Guy's and St Thomas'.

Refer to the Baby Allergy Clinic if:

- The baby's eczema is not responding to two weeks of daily moderate topical steroid ointment such as Clobetasone ointment
- There is a history of infected eczema
- The parents are not offering allergenic food because of baby's eczema
- The baby has hives which may indicate a likely food allergy (eg if when allergens being introduced into the diet) or has reacted to another food with IgE 'immediate' symptoms

BPAS Early Medical Abortion service – change of location

From 1 June 2021, the British Pregnancy Advisory Service (BPAS) Early Medical Abortion premises, previously known and located in Streatham, moved to Clapham South.

The new Early Medical Abortion Clinic known as 'BPAS London Clapham' is in full operation and already has had positive feedback. The new site is a wheelchair accessible treatment unit and is very close to Clapham Common and Clapham High Street. For more information on the new clinic, click [here](#).

To access this service, please continue to use the Central Booking System on 0345 730 4030.

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:

- NHS-Galleri trial in south east London
- Electronic Transfer of Cancer Holistic Needs Assessments

[Cancer updates for GPs \(5 July 2021\)](#)

Online seminars, webinars and e-Learning

Free GP virtual events from Guy's and St Thomas

Guy's and St Thomas are running free virtual training seminars in the next few weeks. Each of these talks counts for one CPD point and a certificate of attendance will be sent to you.

Chronic kidney disease virtual update for GPs

A virtual event organised by Guy's and St Thomas' and King's College Hospital's renal departments. Dr Ellie Asgari and Dr Catriona Shaw, Consultant Nephrologists, will present.

Thursday 8 Jul 2021, 19:30 to 20:30

Book via the [link](#).

Management of diabetes in primary care - lunchtime seminar

Run by Dr Piya Sen Gupta, Consultant in Diabetes at Guy's and St Thomas' and Dr Omar Mustafa, Consultant in Diabetes at King's College Hospital. Questions will be taken at the end of the talk.

Friday 9 July 2021, 13:30 to 14:30

Book via the [link](#).

Vaccine confidence training for health and care staff

Public Health England London Region is organising an interactive training session for health and care professionals, to help you have vaccine conversations with anyone – patients, family, friends and colleagues. The session will include the latest London context of the COVID vaccine programme, knowledge of each COVID vaccine including how they work, frequently asked COVID vaccine questions and how to respond to them, use of behaviour change models and motivational techniques and Q&A with clinicians already having this conversation for best practice tips. For further information contact Sade Cross, email: sade.cross@nhs.net, telephone: 07730 375504.

Thursday 8 July - 17:00 to 18:00

Book via the [link](#).

Focus on Records management Data Security and Protection Toolkit – Drop-in session

To provide support to GP practices with IG and the Data Security and Protection compliance, the SEL CCG GP practice members data protection officer has arranged a monthly GP IG Drop-in session.

This session will focus on records management. The session aims to provide information on how efficient records management can support GP practices with the challenges of keeping personal data and business records in line with the Data Protection principles storage limitations.

Wednesday 14 July 2021 at 12:30pm

To attend contact: claireclements@nhs.net. All other enquires for the NHS SEL CCG GP practices members DPO service must be directed through nelcsu.information-governance@nhs.net

Improving the GP registration process and access for inclusion health groups

Join the next London Homeless Health Community of Practice event, hosted by Healthy London Partnership. The event will focus on the GP registration process and improving access to primary care for inclusion health groups.

The session will include focused presentations, practical guidance and a panel Q&A to share experiences and solutions to day-to-day barriers and challenges which prevent people from experiencing homelessness or with no recourse to public funds to successfully register at a GP practice surgery.

Wednesday 14 July 2021, 12:45 to 14:00

Book via the [link](#).

The White Paper: What Does Integration Really Mean? – Free webinar

Wednesday 14 July 2021, 12:30 to 13:30

Co-produced by the Best Practice Show and Skills for Health this webinar looks at the who, what, how, where, and why of integrating services, discussing what it takes to turn the white paper into reality.

For more information and to register a place, book via the [link](#).

Keeping well in south east London – virtual workshop

SLAM are looking for health and care colleagues from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic backgrounds, working in social care, to participate in one of two workshop sessions regarding the new [Keeping Well in South East London website](#). They are particularly interested to see how the site could be enhanced to improve access and engagement for our Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic colleagues.

Tuesday 20 July 2021, 14:30 to 16:00 and 17:30 to 19:00

Email helen.winter@slam.nhs.uk if you would like to take part. [Flyer](#) to share with practice staff.

Potential changes to access of Terminations of Pregnancy (TOP) - Stakeholder Focus 'Virtual' Group

SEL CCG are carrying out a review of the TOP central booking service (CBS), which is a *single point of access* to terminations by Marie Stopes (MSI) and British Pregnancy Advisory Service (BPAS) for Bromley, Greenwich, Lambeth, Lewisham and Southwark. Bexley can access these services directly from MSI and BPAS.

Thursday 22 July 2021, 12:30 to 13:30

If you would like to be involved, please complete the expression of interest form by end of business **on 12 July 2021** via the [link](#) and/or forward this email to other interested stakeholders.

Kooth and Qwell GP – virtual webinars

Kooth offers anonymous and free access to mental health and emotional wellbeing support, available to young people in 91% of commissioned areas across England and 55% of Wales as of July 2021. Qwell offers the same support to adult cohorts.

Kooth are running three separate webinars during the month of August to highlight the benefits of [Kooth.com](https://www.kooth.com) and [Qwell.io](https://www.qwell.io); covering detailed information about the operation of both services, including clinical processes and safeguarding procedures. All attendees will receive a range of digital resources following the webinars to support signposting patients to these services.

- **Wednesday 18 August 2021, 14:00 to 15:00**
- **Thursday 19 August 2021, 17:00 to 18:00**
- **Monday 23 August 2021, 12:30 to 13:30**

For further information contact skel@kooth.com. Book via the [link](#).

Wellbeing

Diabetes UK offers free wellbeing course to primary care nurses

A new training programme has been launched with the aim of helping nurses and other primary care staff to provide better emotional and psychological support to patients with diabetes. The free, [online continuing professional development \(CPD\) training module](#) has been launched by Diabetes UK and is accredited by the Royal College of Nursing.

Snapshot wellbeing survey of the primary care workforce - Reminder

[This survey](#) by NHS England is the third in a series that will be used to assess the current wellbeing of the primary care workforce. It asks you to reflect on your personal

wellbeing as well as the functioning of your team and your experiences of working remotely.

The results of this research will be used to continually improve the [coaching support](#) NHS England offer. Please submit your responses by Monday 12 July.

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