



**Issue 91/Wednesday 21 July 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

### **Opt-in for Phase 3 of the COVID-19 booster programme – by 5pm 28 July**

On 14 July 2021, NHS England published the General Practice Enhanced Service specification for phase 3 of the COVID 19 vaccination programme which includes guidance, details and associated timelines on the opt-in and site designation process for practices wishing to sign up to the phase 3 enhanced service. NHS England has asked for practices to signal their intention to opt in by 5pm on the 28th July. However, this opt-in would be indicative only at this stage and practices may alter their position once they have all the relevant information. More information and a link to opt-in is [here](#).

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### **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.

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### **Information for people without an NHS number, including migrants, on how to access a COVID-19 vaccine**

NHSE/I has written a letter for people who don't have an NHS number, including migrants, explaining how to get the COVID-19 vaccine and register with a GP. It explains that the vaccine is available to every adult living in the UK, free of charge and irrespective of immigration status. It confirms that immigration checks aren't required and people can organise their vaccination by contacting the local GP surgery or attending a COVID-19 vaccination walk-in or pop-up centre. Read the letter in [full](#).

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## Staff isolation: approach following updated PHE guidance

Public Health England has [updated their guidance on self-isolation for health and care staff](#). It sets out if there is a risk that staff absence would lead to potential patient harm then staff who are fully vaccinated (14 days post second dose) may be brought back to work ahead of the self-isolation period following the completion of a negative PCR test and a local risk assessment. [Read the Letter from NHSE](#) for additional details.

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## Don't miss your vaccine – SEL campaign underway to reach younger adults

SEL has launched a new campaign called #DontMissYourVaccine which uses behavioural science insights to encourage those aged 18-39 to come forward for their vaccines. This campaign is being run across a number of channels including Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, Spotify, Digital Radio, SnapChat and Video on Demand.

See [www.nhsselvax.com](http://www.nhsselvax.com)

You can use this information on your websites and in your surgeries – see here for [toolkit for your use](#).

## GP updates

### SEL CCG to fund Ardens Pro for all SEL GP practices for one year

SEL CCG is pleased to confirm that we have purchased a one-year license for Ardens Pro for all SEL practices, beginning 1 August. Ardens is a clinical decision support and workflow optimisation solution which provides standardised clinical templates that enables accurate coding of clinical data and supports general practice staff to follow national and local clinical guidelines.

Ardens is the leading provider of SystmOne and EMIS web templates and reports. Its range of resources will align with and supplement the support that the Clinical Effectiveness SE London (CESEL) Programme will provide to practices.

Ardens begin deployment this week and will contact all practices in the next few weeks with further details on training available, set up and actions to complete to access the license.

Many practices across SEL already use Ardens. If your practice has an existing arrangement with Ardens you will be contacted by e-mail to make arrangements for any pro-rotta reimbursement of licence/set up fees due.

SEL CCG is looking forward to working with Ardens over the next year and hope your practices will take advantage of this exciting opportunity to access these resources and templates designed to support you.

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## Government guidance to those Clinically Extremely Vulnerable as COVID-19 related restrictions ease

The Government continues to advise the most vulnerable to think about extra steps they may wish to take to protect themselves as COVID related restrictions have been eased. Although the vast majority of the population will be well protected by the vaccine, including the clinically extremely vulnerable, no vaccine is 100% effective and there is emerging evidence to suggest that some immunocompromised and immunosuppressed individuals may not respond as well to the COVID-19 vaccine as others. [Read the latest guidance for the CEV](#), including information available to date regarding vaccine efficacy and antibody testing and treatments to help support discussions with those who are CEV.

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## Infection Prevention Control Guidelines and Comms toolkit for healthcare settings

While COVID restrictions ended in many settings in England from 19 July, everyone accessing or visiting healthcare settings must continue to wear a face covering (unless they are exempt) and follow social distancing rules.

Staff, patients and visitors will also be expected to continue to follow social distancing rules when visiting any care setting as well as using face coverings, mask and other personal protection equipment. [IPC face covering resources for NHS settings are available to download](#) from Public Health England's campaign resource centre.

The NHS will continue to support staff in ensuring that the guidance is followed in all healthcare settings. Read the full infection prevention control guidance [here](#).

For more information on SEL COVID IPC guidelines please contact: [selccg.infectioncontrolteam@nhs.net](mailto:selccg.infectioncontrolteam@nhs.net)

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## Communications toolkit for spells of hot weather

The Level 2 Heat – Health Alert has been extended to Friday 23 July. Some parts of the country have been raised to a level 3.

For some people – especially older people and those with underlying health conditions - the summer heat can bring real health risks. Temperatures indoors can be higher than temperatures outdoors, and this year more people than usual may need to stay at home. Public Health England has released an updated [Heat Health Alert Communications](#) toolkit and a number of Heat Graphics. It covers handy tips and resources to be used for staff looking after themselves and others in hot weather.

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## The national influenza immunisation programme 2021 to 2022

For information, the tripartite annual seasonal flu letter is available [here](#).

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## Cervical Screening Survey - reminder

The pandemic has affected many services including Cervical screening, which could lead to missed early diagnosis and treatment.

To help improve the Cervical Screening Programme, we need to understand how it is recovering following the impact of COVID-19 in South east London. We would be grateful if practices could fill in the following short questionnaire on Cervical Screening at your practice. The results of this survey will help us determine what we may be able to do to help across South east London.

You can access the survey [here](#). Please ensure only one person from your practice completes this survey.

## 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.

## Cancer updates

### Updated - 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 update includes:

- GP direct access CT lung pathway at King's College Hospital
- SELCA website launched

[Cancer updates for GPs \(19 July 2021\)](#)

## Online seminars, webinars and e-Learning

### Moorfields summer webinars

Moorfields Education in conjunction with Moorfields Private Eye Hospital and UCL Institute of Ophthalmology are running a series of free webinars for Summer 2021. There will be an opportunity to ask questions at the end of each webinar.

- Childrens Eyes - Red flags – when to refer - Dr. Annegret Dalhman-Noor

**Thursday 22 July 2021 – 19.00 to 20.00**

- Cataract Surgery and Medication - which pills are important? - Dr. Kamran Saha

**Thursday 29 July 2021 – 19.00 to 20.00**

- Genetic Eye disease – A masterclass: Why it's important to refer - Prof. Mariya Moosajee

**Thursday 5 August 2021 – 19.00 to 20.00**

- High quality glaucoma care: what GPs and optometrists should know - Dr. Anthony Khawaja

**Thursday 12 August 2021 – 19.00 to 20.00**

- Cataract and multi focal lens implants - Dr. Alexander Ionides

**Thursday 19 August 2021 – 19.00 to 20.00**

All events can be booked [here](#).

## Resources

### **Presentation – How to feel confident having Covid conversations**

Following on from a seminar, [How to Feel Confident While Having COVID Vaccine Conversations for health, care and public health](#), Public Health England have made the presentation available for viewing.

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### **Eid al-Adha**

Eid al-Adha is Monday 19 July to Friday 23 July. To help celebrate this, Public Health England has produced a range of [social media assets](#).

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### **Better Health adult obesity campaign**

Public Health England will be launching this summer's Better Health adult obesity campaign on Monday 26th July. The campaign is aimed at supporting those adults who have gained weight over the last year with a focus on making small changes everyday to lose weight and feel better now. A full toolkit of resources such as posters and social media assets is available [here](#).

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### **Ask About Asthma campaign**

NHS England London are running their fourth public awareness campaign [#AskAboutAsthma](#) to encourage small steps to improve the quality of life for children and young people living with asthma in London. The key aims of the campaign are each child

or young person with asthma have an [asthma management plan](#), be able to use their [inhaler](#) effectively and have an [annual asthma review](#) (as a minimum). The link to the campaign is [here](#) and the communications materials are [here](#).

## Recruitment

### **NHS South East London CCG is currently looking for a Primary Care Access and Urgent Care Clinical Lead – Bexley**

This is a senior clinical role to redesign and better integrate how on the day, urgent care demand is best managed across the whole system in Bexley covering the two urgent care centres, NHS 111 services, out of hours GP visiting services, extended access services and taking into account all primary care access points. For more information on the role and to apply visit [NHS jobs](#).

Closing Date: 04/08/2021

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### **Guy's & St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust is recruiting a GP with a special interest in Cancer to join the Rapid Diagnostic Clinic team in South East London**

The SEL RDC is tasked with diagnosing cancer and other serious conditions earlier and is a key part of *the NHSE ambition to diagnose all Cancer by stage 1 or 2 by 2028*.

The post has been established to broaden the scope of the RDC in South East London and continue to develop close working relationships between primary and secondary care to better cater for the needs of our patients and the wider RDC programme in South East London. A full job description is [here](#).

For further information please contact [Saoirse.Dolly@gstt.nhs.uk](mailto:Saoirse.Dolly@gstt.nhs.uk) or [Colette.Murtagh@gstt.nhs.uk](mailto:Colette.Murtagh@gstt.nhs.uk).

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