



**Issue 92/Wednesday 28 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

### **Updated independent JCVI guidance in relation to COVID-19 vaccinations for children and young people**

NHSE/I has written a letter following the updated independent Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) [guidance](#) in relation to COVID-19 vaccinations for children and young people.

It covers actions on these two areas:

- Children and young people aged 12 years and over with specific underlying health conditions that put them at risk of serious COVID-19; and children and young people aged 12 years and over who are household contacts of persons (adults or children) who are immunosuppressed.
- Children who are within three months of their 18th birthday.

Read the letter in [full](#).

Currently, work is ongoing at national level about where responsibility for these vaccinations will sit. We are aware that PCNs are concerned about indemnity as well as a number of other operational challenges. NHS England has provided the following response for GP practices and frontline services should they be asked about this by parents:

*"The JCVI has now shared guidance about vaccinating children and young people who are increased risk of serious coronavirus (COVID-19) disease. Local NHS teams are now putting in place all of the necessary safety precautions, training and logistics to be able to deliver these. Your local NHS service will be in touch with you when your child's vaccination is ready."*

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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 do not 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 are not required and people can organise their vaccination by contacting their local GP surgery or attending a COVID-19 vaccination walk-in or pop-up centre. Read the letter in [full](#).

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## Usage of lateral flow devices for asymptomatic staff testing at vaccination sites SOP

NHSE/I has published a SOP on usage of lateral devices for asymptomatic staff testing at vaccination sites. The full guidance is [here](#).

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## Updated guidance on self-isolation

The government has confirmed that Public Health England is updating its guidance to enable essential frontline staff to return to work following a negative PCR test if they have been asked to isolate by the NHS App due to potential contact with a COVID-19 positive patient. Further details can be found [in this letter](#) and on the [Public Health England website](#).

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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.

## GP updates

### New National Workforce Reporting System (NWRS) is live – check data and record any changes before 30 July

The new NWRS system is now live. Staff who have the responsibility to enter information into the system are reminded to sign up now and check that their data is correct and record any changes, before the next extraction at midnight Friday 30 July.

Further information and support, including videos on how to use the system, can be found on the NWRS [website](#).

For all other enquiries, please contact the NHSD helpdesk: [enquiries@nhsdigital.nhs.uk](mailto:enquiries@nhsdigital.nhs.uk) with the subject line “NWRS”.

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## Flu vaccination information for patients – who should have the jab this winter and why?

PHE has updated [patient information leaflets](#) explaining who is eligible for flu vaccination this winter and why they should have it.

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## New National Patient Safety Alert

For information - [National Patient Safety Alert - Inappropriate anticoagulation of patients with a mechanical heart valve](#)

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## Prescription fraud newsletter, July 2021

The [newsletter](#) provides details of a small sample of investigated prescription frauds and highlights the potential opportunities for these frauds to occur. There is also advice on the actions that practices can take to mitigate these risks.

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## Incidents in General Practice - change to logging procedure

All incidents in primary care should be logged on Learning from Patient Safety Events (LFPSE), a new system being rolled out from July 2021. This will replace the previous National Reporting and Learning System (NRLS).

LFPSE service is a centralised system for the recording and analysis of patient safety events in healthcare, previously known as Patient Safety Incident Management System (PSIMS).

All healthcare staff in England, including those working in primary care, are encouraged to use the system (instead of NRLS e-forms) to record any events where:

- a patient was harmed, or could have been harmed
- there has been a poor outcome but it is not yet clear whether an incident contributed or not
- risks to patient safety in the future have been identified
- good care has been delivered that could be learned from to improve patient safety.

Healthcare staff can [register for a LFPSE account](#) via the web-based service. Details of patient safety events can then be submitted to LFPSE by completing a responsive online form.

Further information can be found [here](#).

For any queries, please contact [selccg.qualityalerts@nhs.net](mailto:selccg.qualityalerts@nhs.net).

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## Lessons Learned from Quality Alerts and Incidents July edition

The Quality Alerts team have shared some key learnings from July - [Learning from Patient Safety Events July 2021](#).

## 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

Please find below a link to the latest version of the update, which also includes FAQs for primary care on cancer services in south east London to support GPs and patients during the pandemic.

[Cancer updates for GPs \(28 July 2021\)](#)

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### NHS-Galleri Trial - recruitment of volunteers

South East London Cancer Alliance is supporting recruitment to the NHS-Galleri trial, which aims to evaluate a new test using a single blood sample to test for many different cancers. The aim is to see whether the test finds cancer earlier when combined with standard cancer testing in people who do not have any symptoms of cancer.

They will be supporting the trial team to recruit healthy volunteers, aged 50-77 with no history of cancer in the last three years, who are representative of the UK population. Potential participants will be identified by NHS Digital on behalf of the trial. A small number of selected GP practices, who are already aware and in contact with the alliance, will also be inviting patients directly.

Participants whose results indicate a cancer signal will be referred directly to an appropriate local NHS 2-ww cancer referral pathway. GPs will be informed of the test result but do not have to make the referral. A GP information sheet is included in the cancer update document.

Recruitment is due to begin in early August 2021. Further information on the NHS-Galleri trial is on the [trial website](#).

Information is also available using the contact details below from 2 August 2021 or via your GP Cancer Lead.

General Public - [info@nhs-galleri.org](mailto:info@nhs-galleri.org)

Participants and people who have received an invitation - [participant\\_help@nhs-galleri.org](mailto:participant_help@nhs-galleri.org) or 0800 030 9245

Health professionals - [clinical\\_help@nhs-galleri.org](mailto:clinical_help@nhs-galleri.org) or 0800 030 9245

Participant complaints - [chief\\_investigator@nhs-galleri.org](mailto:chief_investigator@nhs-galleri.org) or 0800 030 9245

## 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.

- 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](#).

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### Data Protection Incident Management - drop-in session

As a result of a serious data breach occurring within SEL, the next Data Protection Officer Drop-in Session will focus on Data Protection incident management. The CCG advise that this session is crucial and ask that as many practices as possible send a representative. The session is online on:

*Wednesday 11 August at 12:30*

To attend, please contact [claireclements@nhs.net](mailto: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](mailto:nelcsu.information-governance@nhs.net)

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### Kooth webinars for south east London GPs

Kooth is running three information webinars to learn more about how Kooth and Qwell help to support the mental health and wellbeing of young people and adults and gain information on signposting patients to these services.

*Wednesday 18 August - 14:00 to 15:00*

*Thursday 19 August - 17:00 to 18:00*

*Monday 23 August - 12:30 to 13:30*

Register for the sessions on MS Teams [here](#).

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## **Maudsley Learning publishes results of project to support use of Core Capabilities Framework for Supporting Autistic People**

Maudsley Learning, part of South London & Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust (SLaM), has published the results of a 12-month national project to identify and share a range of approaches to support health, social care and public facing workforces across England to use the Core Capabilities Framework for Supporting Autistic People (2019). Read the full findings of the ACCEPT project and access the resources [here](#).

## **Recruitment**

### **South East London Practice Educator (SEL ICS Level Training Hub) - Bromley GP Alliance Ltd**

This is a key role in supporting primary care workforce development generally, and specifically supporting the implementation of the SEL General Practice Nursing priorities. The Practice Educator will be supported in this role by the Nurse Leads and PCN Nurse Facilitators which have been recruited by each borough. Working collaboratively with Higher Education Institutions and training hubs, the post-holder will support the development of the GPN role as a career destination of choice for newly qualified nurses. For more information and to apply, please visit [NHS jobs](#).

Closing date 4 August 2021.

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