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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

IPC guidance remains in primary care settings

Following the Government announcement that from next Thursday (27 January) face coverings will no longer be mandatory in public places, we want to remind primary care colleagues that the UK Health Security Agency's [infection prevention control \(IPC\) guidance](#) remains in place for all staff and patients, in GP practices, dental practices, optometrists and pharmacies to ensure that everyone is protected. Please continue to encourage patients to wear a face covering to keep staff and other patients safe. Resources supporting IPC guidance, including social media assets and posters to use at entrances to notify visitors that they need to wear a face covering, [are available to download](#).

COVID-19 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 and below:

Staff testing: Reminder that all staff vaccinated or unvaccinated, should still be undertaking twice weekly asymptomatic testing using lateral flow test kits obtained from the .gov website (See below) and reporting ALL results on the government website. This is still needed to protect staff, colleagues, family member and patients within their care. It is advised when reporting to set up an account, this makes it quicker to report subsequent test results as previous information is pre-populated. You can also scan the QR code on the test cartridge in cases where the text is too small to read easily.

Lateral flow test kits for vaccination sites: Please note that staff and volunteers should be accessing test kits via the national government website and should be testing

and reporting before attending site. Order: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests> and Report: [Report a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test result - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/report-a-covid-19-rapid-lateral-flow-test-result). However, sites are still encouraged to hold a small supply for emergency use in cases where staff or volunteers turn up without having tested. Please let the SEL CCG Testing Team selccg.covidtesting@nhs.net know if you need any small supplies for emergency use and we will support obtaining a small number of kits from our Local Authority Partners.

PCR kits in surgeries: Reminder that GP practices should have a small stock of PCR kits for use in emergencies for staff or patients who present with possible covid symptoms. Assistance in ordering these can be made via the Specialist Team via 119. Please follow the link for information. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-testing-in-general-practice>

Changes to collection of lateral flow kits from local sites and pharmacies: Many collection sites are now requiring a 'collection code' before issuing up to 2 lateral flow test kits (7 tests in each box). The code can be obtained by following the information on the government website <https://test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/collect-lateral-flow-kits> to obtain a collect code via text and email. Alternatively, some collection points are displaying a QR code which can be scanned to access a form which once completed will generate a collect code.

Lateral flow Instructions in other languages: SEL have successfully managed to petition for the 3 main languages used by Afghanistan's to support the many other translations already available. These can now be found on the government website: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-self-test-help>

Any testing questions please contact avril.satchwell@nhs.net Head of SEL CCG Covid Testing or the wider SEL Testing Team at selccg.covidtesting@nhs.net

GP Updates

Immediate Necessary Treatment (for unregistered patients) - Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Programme available in CQRS

The 2021/22 Seasonal Influenza Programme enabled practices to provide flu vaccinations to a number of eligible patient cohorts regardless of the patient's registration status with the practice. This service will support an extraction of data from the GP Clinical System and facilitate payment where eligible patients not registered with a practice have received a flu vaccination and the activity has been appropriately recorded. These cohorts are:

- frontline health and social care staff employed by either a registered residential care/ nursing home or a voluntary managed hospice provider
- those living in long-stay facilities, nursing homes, other long-stay health or social care facilities, or those defined in the ES as housebound
- locum GPs
- primary care contractors (primary medical services, pharmaceutical services, primary dental services or general ophthalmic services) and their frontline staff, including locums, in patient-facing provision of NHS primary care services and non-clinical staff who play an integral part in patient-facing care on a day-to-day basis

Patients who are not registered with the practices need to have been recorded using the Immediate Necessary Treatment registration status and coded in accordance with the [NHS England and Improvement Guidance](#) to be captured within this service.

Information and guidance documents for each of the available services can be found [here](#).

Information about the contract changes can be found [here](#).

Details of these services, including the live collections timetable can be found on the [GP Collections website](#).

Training links for how to offer out the service can be found on the [CQRS website](#).

Reminder - New service available in CQRS for recording of flu and COVID-19 vaccination events

FOR ACTION - we ask practices to ensure that this data is completed by the end of January 2022. The Jan-Mar 2022 data needs to be completed by the end of April 2022.

As part of the 2021/22 Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Programme, primary care contractors (general medical services, pharmaceutical services, general dental services and general ophthalmic services) and their frontline staff in clinical and non-clinical patient-facing roles will be eligible for an NHS flu vaccination this year. The adult seasonal flu Enhanced Service includes a requirement for general practice to return to the commissioner (NHSE), by no later than the 31 January 2022 and 30 April 2022 respectively, data on the number of primary care staff that they have vaccinated.

In addition, this data collection will seek voluntary information on the flu vaccination and COVID-19 vaccination status of practice staff. This data is being requested to help inform future planning to support encouraging vaccine uptake amongst the workforce, and for COVID-19 to support ongoing planning around workforce capacity and service provision.

For the COVID-19 vaccine, new regulations come into effect from 1 April 2022 which will require individuals undertaking CQC regulated activities in England AND engaging in face-to-face care with patients to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Further detail is available at www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination-programme/vaccination-as-a-condition-of-deployment-for-all-healthcare-workers/. These indicators request information on the number of staff employed or otherwise deployed in the practice who have either a) received a first and second dose of the vaccine; b) have a medical exemption or c) do not intend to get vaccinated by 31 March 2022. Data is requested for the following groups:

- **GPs.** This includes all GPs employed or engaged within the practice, including GP partners, salaried GPs, GP locums, foundation doctors and GP registrars.
- **Direct Patient Care.** This includes nurses, PCN staff employed or engaged through the Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme (see full list here <https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/network-contract-des-specification-2021-22/>), and other allied health professionals, including those in training.
- **Admin / non-clinical roles.** This includes practice managers, receptionists, estates, students, volunteers or any other ancillary roles deployed within the practice

For flu vaccination status this includes the number of practice and PCN staff who have received a flu vaccination via any route, with data being requested on the number of practice staff vaccinated for flu:

- through the NHS scheme as primary care staff,
- through the NHS scheme as another eligible cohort,
- privately,
- via occupational health, or
- via another route.

This service was released in CQRS on the 21 December 2021.

Reminder - Early ordering Flu stock for 2022/23 Flu season

A reminder to place your orders as soon as possible as part of your planning for the next flu season and to ensure an early delivery slot. Although the annual flu letter is not yet published, there is an opportunity to amend orders with suppliers to take into account any requirements in the flu letter.

Sanofi is fully flexible regarding orders until end February 2022 and have a degree of flexibility until the end of July 2022.

Seqirus provide an option to cancel all or part of your Seqirus flu vaccine order if the respective vaccine is not an NHS recommended and reimbursed option for 2022/23 in addition to which Orders can be amended by +/- 20% by the end of February 2022.

Urgent Care Plan Programme: January Transition Briefing

Coordinate My Care is being replaced in London by the Urgent Care Plan.

The Urgent Care Plan (UCP) will enable clinicians across London to co-create and share urgent and advance care plans across clinical and organisational boundaries, integrating with electronic record keeping systems that are already being used by clinicians and the OneLondon Shared Care Record. The UCP will be hosted by South West London CCG, with a dedicated team to support the transition process and the use of the UCP as an enabler for a wide range of clinical pathways. Read the full briefing [here](#).

Update to process for applications for Local Improvement Grants in 2022/23

Following the letter sent by NHS England on 26 November 2021 via CCG GP bulletin, one of the criteria set out in the application process by NHS England for improvement grant funding is a letter of support from the CCG. We are aware of enquiries made by some practices to local borough leads. To better aid this process, practices are required to submit their draft improvement grant application to the CCG by no later than 5pm, Friday 4th February 2022 to souccg.gprsel@nhs.net. This will enable the CCG sufficient time to internally review all applications and ensure it meets the necessary criteria and provide letters of support back to practices prior to the deadline of 5pm on 11th February 2022, set by NHS England.

If you have any queries or require any support then please contact marcus.durkie@nhs.net or Craig.gibbard1@nhs.net in the first instance.

Updated IMOC decisions/outputs:

NEW

- Guidance on the [management of gout in primary care](#) has been developed through the SEL IMOC rheumatology sub group. This guidance includes information on managing and preventing flares, self-care advice and when to refer.
- Dapagliflozin: This medicine is included on the South East London Joint Medicines Formulary and has a RAG rating of 'red' (hospital/specialist prescribing and supply only) and is reserved for the management of chronic kidney disease (CKD). Please see the [SEL Joint Medicine Formulary](#) for further information.

UPDATED

- The [SEL IMOC shared care agreement process and templates](#) have been updated in line with national [guidance](#) from the Regional Medicines Optimisation Committee (RMOOC), please refer to the following documents for further detail: [Shared care process flowchart](#) , [Template for full shared care](#), [Transfer of care template](#).
- The SEL [psoriasis biologic drug treatment pathway](#) and [psoriasis pathway outcomes and monitoring framework](#) have been updated through the dermatology sub-group. The key update is the inclusion of bimekizumab in line with NICE [guidance](#).

Committee Terms of Reference

The updated [Terms of Reference](#) (ToR) for the SEL IMOC are now available and reflect the Committee's revised operating model in the emerging Integrated Care System (ICS). The SEL IMOC will operate under these ToR in shadow form from January 2022, whilst the governance structures for the ICS are confirmed.

Focus group - King's College London Evaluation of CESEL

Clinical Effectiveness South East London (CESEL) has an external evaluation embedded in its work, to ensure that views of key stakeholders are captured and that the impact of CESEL is documented, along with proposing evidence-based recommendation for its development.

Dr Maria Kordowicz from King's College London is holding a focus group to share insights into how CESEL has worked so far and what could be improved. The session will be recorded.

- Wednesday 9 February – 13.00-13.50.

Please contact maria.kordowicz@kcl.ac.uk for an invite to the focus group or to share your thoughts if you cannot attend.

Outcome - SEL CCG review of 'Access route into abortion services'

NHS South East London CCG Termination of Pregnancy Commissioners have completed a review of how SEL patients access abortion services via the Central Booking service (CBS) operated by BPAS. The review involved conducting a separate Patient and Stakeholder Engagement Survey, listening to calls under taken by an independent Public Health Registrar, across a three-year period: May, June and July of 2019, 2020 and 2021. Read the review findings [here](#).

Quality alerts and incidents

January 2022 edition of [Lessons Learnt](#).

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 \(19 January 2022\)](#)

Online seminars, webinars and e-learning

UKHSA immunisation training webinars for vaccinators

The webinars count as annual updates as they are compliant with the UKHSA immunisation training standards.

Please see [flyer](#) with dates in February-April and details on how to book these sessions.

Daily vaccine confidence sessions hosted by clinical professionals

NHSE/I are running daily drop-in Vaccine confidence Q&A sessions for staff. Each session will be tailored towards a specific audience and hosted by a relevant clinical professional who will answer any questions and signpost to additional information. The sessions will provide a safe and supportive environment to ask any questions about the COVID-19 vaccines.

- Wednesday 26 January: 12.00 – 13:00 - Primary Care
- Thursday 27 January: 15.00 - 16.00 - Vaccines and Fertility
- Friday 28 January: 10.00 - 11.00 - Vaccines and the Science
- Saturday 29 January: 19.00 – 20.00 - Vaccines and Your Faith
- Sunday 30 January: 19.00- 20.00 - Vaccines and Your Faith
- Monday 31 January: 12.00- 13.00 - Vaccines for Nursing and Midwifery Staff
- Tuesday 1 February: 13.00 – 14.00 - Vaccines and Fertility
- Wednesday 2 February: 12:00 – 13.00 - Vaccines for Healthcare Students
- Thursday 3 February: 16.00 – 17.00- Vaccines and the Science

Register [here](#).

Dermatology seminar for primary care clinicians

Dr Amr Salam and Dr Alwyn Wisam consultant dermatologists at Guy's and St Thomas' are hosting a dermatology webinar which will focus on 'Hidradenitis and Hyperhidrosis.'

- Wednesday 2 February 2022 – 13.30 to 14.30

This talk counts for one CPD point and a certificate of attendance will be sent to you.

Book via the following [link](#).

Recruitment

The Defence Medical Welfare Service (DMWS) are recruiting a Welfare Officer to support the [GSTT Armed Forces Programme](#). More information and details on how to apply are here: <https://dmws.org.uk/careers/welfare-officer-london/>. Closing date 4 February.

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