



**Issue 121/Wednesday 16 February 2022**

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.

## **Cohort eligibility and operational status: Primary vaccination of 5- to 11-year-olds at SEL sites**

[This resource](#) on Cohort eligibility and operational status has been updated. This week's version includes a new table detailing information about 5- to 11-year-olds in a risk group, for whom vaccinations have now begun. We recommend that teams avoid printing the document as it will rapidly become out of date. You are advised to save the [link to the webpage](#), where the revised version will be uploaded weekly.

The NHS has commenced offering first and second doses to eligible children aged 5 to 11 year-olds who are in a clinical at risk group or are household contacts of someone who is immunosuppressed following updated [JCVI guidance](#). GPs and consultants are being asked to search for 5- to 11-year-olds eligible for their first dose. For more information, please see [Operational guidance for 5 to 11 at risk](#).

In SEL, eight sites are currently live and more are expected to go live in the coming days.

<b>At- Risk' 5 - 11s Sites Opening times and Booking Info</b>						
<b>Borough</b>	<b>Clinic Name</b>	<b>Site Type</b>	<b>Opening Days</b>	<b>Opening Times</b>	<b>Walk – in and/or Bookings only</b>	<b>How to book</b>
<b>Bexley</b>	Westwood Masonic	PCN	14 <sup>th</sup> February	2-6pm	Bookings	0208-269-3400
<b>Bromley</b>	Oaks Park Medical Centre SE20 8QA	PCN	Contact site for details	Contact site for details	Bookings	Call 020 8175 0473
<b>Bromley</b>	Orpington Health and Wellbeing Centre BR6 0FE	PCN	Contact site for details	Contact site for details	Bookings	Call 020 8175 0438

Lambeth	Montgomery Hall	PCN	Tuesday, Friday and Saturday	Tuesdays: 1pm - 6pm Friday: 1pm - 6pm Saturday 9am - 2pm	Walk-ins and bookings	<a href="mailto:Lqpf.covid-19@nhs.net">Lqpf.covid-19@nhs.net</a> call 02086559180
Lewisham	The Waldron Health Centre	PCN	Tue -Sat	9am - 1pm	Walk- in or bookings	Tel 0203 049 8300
Lewisham	Goldsmiths Community Centre	PCN	Mon, Wed Fri	9am - 1pm	Walk- in or bookings	Tel 020 8167 4263
Southwark	St. Thomas's Hospital	VC	Monday - Saturday	08:30 - 5:30pm	Walk-ins and bookings	<a href="mailto:Covidvaccinebookings@gstt.nhs.uk">Covidvaccinebookings@gstt.nhs.uk</a>

St Thomas' Hospital ([Vaccination Centre 1](#)) is also running a vaccination clinic for 5-11 year olds who are clinically extremely vulnerable. The clinic is open **8.30am to 5.30pm, Monday to Saturday**, and offers walk-in slots or advanced booking – email [CovidVaccineBookings@gstt.nhs.uk](mailto:CovidVaccineBookings@gstt.nhs.uk).

More sites are expected to come on board in the near future and we will keep you updated. Information for parents of this cohort has been added to the [SEL CCG website](#).

Please note that a new call/recall priority group has been created for children aged 5-11 who are at risk. Further information on EMIS searches for children is available [here](#).

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:avril.satchwell@nhs.net) Head of SEL CCG Covid Testing or the wider SEL Testing Team at [selccg.covidtesting@nhs.net](mailto:selccg.covidtesting@nhs.net)

## GP Updates

### REMINDER: Flu vaccination sprint February/March 2022

Colleagues will be aware that uptake of flu vaccination across all cohorts in SEL is not as high as last year. There are probably many reasons for this, but we are keen to encourage eligible members of the public to get their flu vaccination now. We are therefore proposing a 'flu vaccination sprint' to last until the end of March 2022.

Over 75 community pharmacists in SEL have ordered more flu vaccine and are ready to vaccinate.

**FOR ACTION** - We ask that all practices also participate in this sprint by inviting unvaccinated over 50-year-olds and under 50-year-olds at risk to get their flu vaccination at the surgery or at a local pharmacist. Practices are asked to send out targeted texts to remainder of eligible patients inviting them to receive the flu jab, including a URL to the SEL CCG winter page with a list of participating pharmacies and further information. SEL will pay for the cost of the text. See below for suggested text wording:

*'As Covid restrictions ease, the spread of all viruses may increase. You can get a free flu vaccine from your GP or community pharmacy. Find a pharmacy near you:*

<https://selondonccg.nhs.uk/selflupharmacies>'

To support this work, we are extending the current GP incentive scheme:

- Increased IOS fee for each flu jab in practices to £12.20
- Practices who achieved 75% previous year's target, will receive £10.06 IOS fee if registered patients receive flu jab at another site up until **31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**
- All flu stock unused at end of programme in practices above 10% will be underwritten by SEL ICS.

Practices can still sign up to the incentive scheme via the following [link](#) by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

Please find attached the Seasonal Flu Incentive Scheme [claim form](#). Please complete and return your claim forms by **Friday 8th April 2022** to the email address on the form.

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### UK infection prevention and control (IPC) guidance for elective services

Following on from the publication of the Delivery Plan for Tackling the COVID-19 Backlog of Elective Care on 8 February, please read the [letter](#) from 11 February reiterating the current IPC measures in place for elective services.

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## South East London GP mentoring scheme

The South East London Mentoring scheme is now open to any GP in South East London who would like mentoring. GPs can request mentoring for any reason, including but not limited to newly qualified GPs, return to work after maternity leave or prolonged absence, change in role, mid-career GPs, work stress or burn out. Find further information [here](#).

If you would like mentoring support from a GP mentor or for further information please contact Parise Wiggins [p.wiggins@nhs.net](mailto:p.wiggins@nhs.net).

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## Expression of Interest - AKI project opportunity

Do you have a special interest in chronic kidney disease, or would like to broaden your knowledge? If so, there is an opportunity with funding attached for your time, to join a project team looking at improving outcomes for patients with Acute Kidney Injury. The project is hosted by Guy's and St Thomas NHS Foundation Trust (GSTFT) but will include working with MDT colleagues across the KHP Cardiovascular and Respiratory Partnership which includes Royal Brompton and Harefield Hospitals, and King's College NHS Foundation Trust in addition to GSTFT. Full details are [here](#).

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## Identifying and responding to sexual assault and abuse – a reminder of our responsibilities and how the NHS is addressing this

This week is Sexual Abuse and Sexual Violence Awareness Week. The NHS has launched a three-month campaign to raise awareness of sexual assault referral centres (SARCs) and to encourage victims and survivors to seek help. [This letter](#) outlines how you can support the campaign and actions to take. Further information is also available [here](#).

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## For information - Section 7a Vacs and Imms Incident Form

Due to a technical issue, the original link to report vaccine incidents is no longer working.

Please find below the new link:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=kp4VA8ZyI0umSq9Q55CtwlsS2sc2J5LrOYYrLpNuGZURU9TSVhBNTNVR1daMFlwRzFBMjl3NEtFTCQIQCN0PWcu>

Please report any vaccination or vaccine storage incidents to the team as soon as possible, or if you have any queries at [england.londonimms@nhs.net](mailto:england.londonimms@nhs.net).

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## Quality Alerts report Q3

The Quality team are pleased to share the outcomes from Quality Alerts submitted and responded to during the third quarter 2021/22. The [report](#) provides you with some key themes which include GP Referrals into 2week wait services and Quality of discharge summaries along with actions currently being taken. Individual alert responses are also included as part of patient stories.

To find out more and what qualifies as a quality alert, please contact one of the team at [selccg.qualityalerts@nhs.net](mailto:selccg.qualityalerts@nhs.net) or report your quality alert here [DCIQ: NHS South East London CCG Quality Alerts reporting form \(datixcloudiq.co.uk\)](https://datixcloudiq.co.uk)

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## Update from Viapath

Viapath continues to work with GPs in Bexley, Greenwich and Lewisham following the transfer of pathology services. Their latest communication to practices contains several updates including news on their investigation into raised potassium levels and duplicate results. Please see the full update [here](#).

## 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 16 February 2022](#).

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### Colposcopy in SEL – National Cervical Screening Campaign February 2022

You will shortly see details of a national campaign for cervical cancer screening beginning in February/March, which may lead to increased numbers of patients presenting to GPs for smears and possible referral for colposcopy. Please be aware that waiting times for low-risk patients requiring colposcopy are currently longer than usual. All patients are being prioritised according to clinical need, with those requiring urgent colposcopy within 14 days being prioritised and seen within the expected waiting time. Urgent work is ongoing across all colposcopy providers in SEL to reduce waiting lists and backlogs rapidly.

Despite this, it is essential that the national awareness campaign is fully supported, and invitees are encouraged to attend for cervical cancer screening. The information provided above is intended to provide transparency and support any conversations you may have with patients over the coming weeks and months.

## Information from Acute Providers

### Urgent pressures in 2WW breast services at Lewisham and Greenwich Trust

There are urgent pressures in 2WW Breast services at Lewisham and Greenwich Trust. Urgent work is ongoing within the Trust to reduce the waiting times for referrals, but patients may experience longer waits than usual at present. To offer immediate support the Trust has introduced a RAS (Referral Assessment Service) for LGT breast services. This will allow the Trust to prioritise on clinical risk and book them into the most appropriate clinics.

We recognise fully that pressures in primary care are immense, and this will only increase over the coming weeks, but there a number of areas that would support the 2WW breast services and the patients referred to them:

- GPs are asked to carefully consider the balance of risk for their patients before referring and utilise services to seek specialist advice if possible and where available. On eRS search for “Surgery – Breast” -> “Other Symptomatic Breast (2WW)” for a range of Breast Surgery services that offer advice.

- When referring, please fully complete the referral form fully, to help triage based on clinical risk.

- Guidance and support for patients with isolated breast pain can be found here: [Breast pain: Causes, types and treatments | Breast Cancer Now](#) and here: [Understanding Breast Pain - YouTube](#)

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## Message from Kings about email communication issues

We have been experiencing problems with our automated email communications to GPs due to issues with NHS.NET. As a consequence of this, a [small](#) number of GP surgeries have been receiving multiple copies of documentation. We apologise for the inconvenience this has caused. We are urgently working to resolve this issue.

## Online seminars, webinars and e-learning

### King's ECHO Programme Invitation

King's College Hospital Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (NAFLD/NASH) ECHO Programme is open for registration. This is a clinically based educational program aimed at all clinical staff in primary, secondary and tertiary care sector. This programme is designed to improve the knowledge of NAFLD/NASH associated liver disease to achieve better patient/client care. Please see the attached NAFLD/NASH ECHO Programme [here](#).

The programme starts 9 March 2022 at 17.30. Register for the programme [here](#).

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## National Training and Development Programme for Practice and Primary Care Network Managers

Please click on the links for more information on:

[Primary Care Managers Development Workshop – 22 February 13.00 to 14.30 on MS Teams](#)

[Primary Care Managers Development Survey to be completed by 27 February](#)

[PCN and Practice Managers Workshops - 1 and 2 March – 13.00 to 14.30 on MS Teams](#)

## Resources

### Urgent mental health support for young people in London

[An updated communications toolkit](#) to help raise awareness among young people and their families of London's free NHS mental health crisis lines. This has been produced

by Healthy London Partnership and contains updated messaging and new assets including an animation for use on websites, social media.

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## Help Us Help You – cervical screening campaign

Partners in the NHS and local government are welcome to support the campaign which launched on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February. Assets are available from the [Campaign Resource Centre](#). For more information, visit [www.nhs.uk/cervicalscreening](http://www.nhs.uk/cervicalscreening)

## Recruitment

### South East London CCG Training Hub are recruiting

Apprenticeship Lead - [NHS Jobs - Application](#) Closing date is 02 March 2022. AfC Band 7 Equivalent. Fixed term – 24 months.

Multiprofessional Fellow - [NHS Jobs - Application](#) Closing date is 04 March 2022. Fixed term 12 months.

Bromley Ops Lead - [NHS Jobs - Application](#) Closing date is 01 March 2022. Permanent.

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