



**Issue 134 / Thursday 19 May 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.

## GP Updates

### UKHSA/DHSC - Immediate actions in response to cases of Monkeypox Virus in the UK with no known travel history

The actions are:

1. Providers to ensure that they have [appropriate PPE](#) for the assessment and treatment of patients presenting with possible monkeypox virus.
2. Services should consider a differential diagnosis of monkeypox virus in any patient who meets the possible case definition in the [attachment](#).
3. Inform local IPC teams and infectious disease/microbiology/virology consultants if a diagnosis of monkeypox virus is being considered so that appropriate testing and infection control measures can be implemented.

The [attachment](#) contains further information and advice.

---

### Updates from the South East London Integrated Medicines Optimisation Committee

- **Rivaroxaban** 1mg/ml granules for oral suspension and 2.5mg, 15mg and 20mg tablets are approved for the treatment of venous thromboembolism in paediatrics as **red** (*suitable for prescribing and supply by hospital only*). This is a time limited approval and certain criteria apply for use of rivaroxaban in this patient cohort. Please see the [formulary recommendation](#) for further information.
- **Sativex™** oromucosal spray for the treatment of moderate to severe spasticity due to multiple sclerosis in adults – the position statement has been updated

following the presentation of a report on usage and implementation. Please see to the [formulary recommendation](#) for further information.

- **Botulinum toxin type A** – the formulary recommendation for spasmodic dysphonia (laryngeal dystonia) in adults has been updated following the presentation of outcome data. Please refer to the [recommendation](#) for further detail.
- **Clonazepam tablets for the management of REM sleep disorders (off-label use)**- The formulary position has been updated; in addition to Sleep Centre specialists, Parkinson's disease consultants have now been included as initiating clinicians, in line with [NICE guidance](#). Please see the [SEL Joint Medicine Formulary](#) for further information.
- **Salbutamol nebulas** - have been categorised as **amber 1** (*primary care initiation following recommendation from an appropriate specialist*) to support the safe initiation and prescribing of salbutamol nebulas in primary care. Please refer to the [SEL Joint Medicine Formulary](#) for further information.

---

## Viapath – Important message for GP Practices: removal of product from consumables ordering portal

Please note that we are implementing a change to a product on our consumables ordering portal. The 6ml EDTA tubes ([pictured](#)) are to be removed, to avoid any confusion, as they are not appropriate for use in our laboratories which process tests from GP practices. Instead, please order 4ml EDTA tubes which are available on the portal.

We will ensure any standing orders for the 6ml tubes are replaced with the 4ml tubes.

If your practice has stocks of the 6ml tubes, please order replacement 4ml tubes through the consumables portal and begin using these immediately.

If you need to order any 4ml tubes urgently, please contact **Viapath pathology support services** on **0204 513 7300** or via [customerservices@viapath.org](mailto:customerservices@viapath.org) for further help and assistance.

We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you in advance for your understanding.

---

## New GP referral form for the NHS Digital Weight Management Programme

A new version of the referral template is available through National DXS Content.

The new form will improve the referral process by:

- Ensuring more of the patient's information auto-populates
- Simplified layout
- Clearer instructions on the form for inputting information

To find the new service on e-RS, the name and search has changed. You must now search using ST4 4LX postcode to find the service "NHS Digital Weight Management Programme –NHS England Version 2". Please refer to the [attached pdf](#) to help you.

If you have any queries, email [england.wmp-prevention@nhs.net](mailto:england.wmp-prevention@nhs.net)

---

## Halo ITSM and Timeline for Deployment

As part of SEL CCGs preparation to take on the local management of ICT Services from London Shared Services (formerly known as NEL CSU), we have procured and are

currently implementing a new web-based IT Service Management (ITSM) tool called Halo.

Halo ITSM will allow SEL CCG to effectively manage ICT services and will provide service users with similar functionality as the ITSM tools currently in use within the CCG and across the Primary Care setting. The new service desk software has the ability for service users to raise IT service requests and report incidents; and will provide enhanced functionality to the service desk team such as Change Management, Asset Management and reporting capabilities which are also available via the platform. SEL CCG are currently carrying out the final stages of configuration and User Acceptance Testing (UAT) with selected groups of Corporate and Primary Care users, with the intention to begin deployment of Halo to all SEL Corporate and Primary Care users during mid May 2022.

Further detail will be provided to all stakeholders via the SEL GP IT Bulletin and dedicated communications following the successful completion of the UAT process.

---

## **Business Continuity Awareness Week (BCAW) 16-20<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

The theme for this year's BCAW is Building Resilience in the Hybrid World. Over the last 2 years, there has been a rise in the adoption of hybrid work models. When a critical event occurs, every hybrid worker needs to be kept in the loop in real time – and this is why the CCG continue to run communication test exercises regularly throughout the year. The aim this year is to embed and improve awareness of Business Continuity in this new workplace reality, and now would be a good time to review your current Business Continuity Plans.

Further information about BCAW 2022 can be found [here](#).

---

## **Lessons Learnt from Quality Alerts**

The May 2022 edition is [here](#).

---

## **Expressions of interest invited: clinical leadership and committee member roles for the South East London Integrated Care Board**

Expressions of interest are being invited from colleagues in clinical and care professions to join the Integrated Care Board leadership team. We have a number of opportunities across a wide range of key programme areas operating in south east London. Roles are usually one or two sessions per week and can be agreed on a flexible basis. There are currently roles available in the following area:

- Medicines Optimisation

Details of all available roles including job descriptions are available on the [SEL CCG Clinical and Care Leadership recruitment webpage](#). Contact details for all roles are also included on the website if you would like to discuss or require further information.

Please share with colleagues who may be interested in applying.

---

## Platinum Jubilee Bank holiday rota - Pharmacies

Please find attached [a list of pharmacies](#) opening as part of the commissioned Rota for the Platinum Jubilee Bank Holidays 2 and 3 June 2022. It is important to note that Saturday 4 June and Sunday 5 June 2022 are not bank holidays, however, there will be some pharmacies who normally open who will be closed on this day. Patients who wish to double check their usual pharmacy will be open on this date can search [www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-pharmacy](http://www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-pharmacy) or call NHS 111.

## Information from Acute Providers

### Delays in radiology reporting at GSTT – an update

There has been a trend of improvement in reporting delays across all modalities, although we are still periodically struggling to meet our reporting turnaround KPIs. For plain film the current wait for report (after acquisition) is approximately 15 days; for CT and MR approximately 8 days.

Please do not ask patients to contact us to chase reports, either directly or via PALS. It takes time for our A&C staff to handle these queries, and we are clinically prioritising reporting work. We continue to display information notices to inform patients what to expect in terms of route and timeline for receiving their results.

Please do use the Quality Alerts process if there are lengthy delays to receiving reports, beyond the above, which clinically impact on your patients.

---

### Update on POTS Service at Kings College Hospital

Due to the nature and volume of referrals being received for our specialist POTS/Syncope Service we are changing the way that we review patients for this clinic.

We continue to offer a POTs review service, but will not be able to accept all referrals into clinic without additional information and assessment.

For a list of blood tests required please refer to the Directory of Services on eRS, as this will point to specific tests and investigations required with submission of the referral to our new Advice and Guidance service on eRS.

While some of these investigations are not strictly required for diagnosis, they provide us with a more complete picture of the patient's physiology. These tests need to be undertaken and provided with the referral for its acceptance. It may mean that patients will be required to be seen by their local Cardiologists who will be able to provide ongoing support.

To locate the POTS advice service on eRS please use the following information:

Speciality: Cardiology

Clinic Type: Arrhythmia

Priority: Routine

Location: Kings@Tessa Jowell Health Centre

Service Name: Cardiology - POTS Advice + Guidance Only- for Kings College Hospital

## Cancer updates

### 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 27 April 2022.](#)

## Seminars, events, webinars and e-learning

### SEL System Leadership events

Join Kaleidoscope Health and Care for a [Series of Inspiration and Learning community events](#) exploring system leadership across south east London.

Over the next six months, these events will look at system leadership through the lenses of [five emerging characteristics of a confident, joyful south east London system leader](#).

- Driving purposeful collaboration: Tuesday 7 June, 5-7pm
- Catalysing and embedding innovation: Tuesday 5 July, 9-11am
- Embracing challenge and difference: Monday 18 July, 5-7pm
- Including and empowering others: Tuesday 6 September, 8-10am
- Community summit: Thursday 29 September, 5-7pm

If you would like to join us for the event or would like to be added to our mailing list to get more information about upcoming events please contact James at [james@kscopehealth.org.uk](mailto:james@kscopehealth.org.uk).

---

### King's Health Partners, Primary Care Webinar - 'Long-COVID: Where are we now?'

Confirmed speakers; Dr Jen Liddington, Dr Melissa Heightman and Dr Avril Washington.

**Wednesday 15 June, 13.00 to 14.00.** For more information and to register visit the [Eventbrite page](#).

---

### NHSE Enhanced Access webinar – Enhanced Access: Implementation support for PCNs and Practices 2

For PCNs and practices to provide ongoing support for Enhanced Access implementation, focusing on emerging themes and issues relating to the new Enhanced Access specification due to go live from 1 October 2022. This will be held via Microsoft Teams Live.

**Thursday 26 May, 12.00 to 13.00** - [register here](#)

---

## **Infertility with Mr Narvekar, Consultant Gynaecologist and lead for reproductive surgery, Kings**

Bromley Education and Training Hub event.

**Wednesday 25 May – Starting 13.00.**

More information, and book [here](#).

---

## **Mental Health Coaching for Primary Care professionals**

Free, confidential NHS service. More information and book via the [link](#).

---

## **Adult Oral Health – including oral examination, normal anatomy and variants as well common mucosal pathology**

GSTT interactive seminar organised by the dental department with a practical overview of adult oral examination, including:

- normal anatomy and variants
- common mucosal pathology
- lumps bumps ulcers infections
- brief soft tissue examination

**Friday 17 June 2022 – 13.30 to 14.30**

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

Please book via [link](#).

---

## **Reminder - London General Practice Nurse celebration event**

In person celebration for all primary care nurses in London.

**Friday 24 June – 09.15 to 16.30 at Regents Park.** A full agenda is [attached](#), and more information is also available [here](#).

---

## **CHIVA Family Conference in partnership with METRO charity**

The Children's HIV Association and Metro charity are holding an information event on **Saturday 21 May 2022, from 10.30am to 3.30pm** at Friends House, Euston Road, London. Please download the [poster](#) to display in the surgery.

To secure a free ticket on Eventbrite click [here](#) or visit the website: [www.chiva.org.uk/family-conference](http://www.chiva.org.uk/family-conference).

## Resources

### Self-care: New patient information leaflet and poster

The South East London self-care working group has recently produced a leaflet and poster to support the national self-care agenda. Paper copies of these will be posted out to primary care colleagues across SEL in the next few weeks, for use and display across GP practices, to promote self-care and reduce prescribing in this area. Electronic copies of these resources are now available [here](#) and can be shared electronically with patients via AccuRx.

### Communications toolkit for World No Tobacco Day – 31 May 2022

Co-ordinated by the World Health Organisation it highlights the damage caused by tobacco and the tobacco industry and is an opportunity for us to talk to smokers in London about making a quit attempt. This year the theme 'Poisoning our Planet' #TobaccoExposed focuses on the environmental impact of cigarettes. Cigarettes are a source of toxic microplastics, cigarette butts account for 66% of all litter in London. This is in addition to the wider financial, social care and health costs to London, London Boroughs and the smokers who live here.

#### Please support WNTD22 by:

- [Using our partner pack](#) to spread awareness about the environmental harm of tobacco and costs for London, signposting Londoners to your local stop smoking services
- Supporting Stop Smoking London on social media in the week leading up to and on WNTD22 on 31<sup>st</sup> May
- [Using the WHO global campaign resources for WNTD22](#)

For more information and resources on the global campaign, visit <https://www.who.int/campaigns/world-no-tobacco-day/2022>

Copyright © 2021 NHS South East London CCG. All rights reserved.

This email was sent by [selccg.communications@nhs.net](mailto:selccg.communications@nhs.net)

If you wish to unsubscribe, please email: [selccg.communications@nhs.net](mailto:selccg.communications@nhs.net)