

## Hypertension Recovery Funding for Southeast London General Practice

Hypertension is the leading cause of heart disease, stroke, kidney disease, dementia and early death across southeast London, and care has been significantly impacted by the COVID pandemic.

**New funding and accompanying support are available to PCNs in southeast London to enhance hypertension improvement work, to support the detection, management and reduction in inequalities in hypertension in care, and support COVID recovery.**

[Clinical Effectiveness Southeast London](#) (CESEL), [Health Innovation Network \(HIN\)](#), and the [South London Cardiovascular Network](#) are working together to support PCNs and practices in SEL to deliver the best possible hypertension care to their patients and achieve the targets set through the QOF and PCN DES.

**It's an offer, not an ask**

### What is the offer?

Funding is available to PCNs to enable practices across to make improvements in their work around hypertension.

### PCN's will,

- receive a support visit, facilitated by CESEL. This will include:
  - A data pack looking at your hypertension data to identify areas of success and areas for improvement
  - Understanding of inequalities around hypertension locally
  - Signposting to hypertension resources, educational support and searches to identify at risk patients
  - Identifying existing QOF, DES and other local hypertension targets
- receive support to identify an area around hypertension they would like to work on and begin this process – i.e. starting with searches to identify those at greatest need (e.g. [UCLP Searches](#) available via Ardens), look at how best to reach patients, and work to optimise treatment for this group.
- receive support for their hypertension work - through CESEL facilitators and based around local requirements
- share learning within the PCN, supported by CESEL
- contribute to an event to review progress and share learning from the improvement exercise

*If your practice or PCN have recently received a visit from CESEL, to review and consider improvement opportunities for patients with Hypertension, the outputs and learning can contribute to informing your local improvement plan.*

### Payment

Each participating PCN will receive a payment for taking part and undertaking the improvement exercise.

**£200,000 is available across SEL** and will be distributed to participating PCNs based on a formula that reflects:

- taking part in the improvement exercise
- PCN list size
- whether there is a high deprivation within your PCN

Payments will be distributed to PCN's upon completing the aspects of the programme as outlined above.

To understand how many PCNs wish to participate in the scheme, and to inform the overall sum available to each PCN, PCN leads are invited to confirm their interest in their PCN taking up the support offer, by the 18<sup>th</sup> October, by completing a short [expression of interest \(EOI\) form](#).

If you would like to find out more about the scheme, please contact the [CESEL Team](#).