



Innovation

How South London is shaping the future of healthcare for our populations

Celebrating the NHS

A legacy of care, a future of innovation

On 5 July, the NHS will celebrate its 77th birthday, giving us our annual time to reflect on its legacy and honour the dedication and commitment of its staff.

This issue highlights how South London is helping to shape the future of healthcare. See how our transformative multimorbidity model of care (MMMoC) has been designed to integrate patient journeys and improve care. Read about our commitment to tackling health inequalities, including our HIV re-engagement efforts and World Sickle Cell Day awareness. Discover how ground breaking technology and AI advancements are improving health and care.

Let's celebrate as we continue to build a healthier future for our South London populations together.

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[Get in touch](#) and we can share with you and your teams.

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ICB blueprint: Shaping future system working

Last month NHS England published its Model integrated care board (ICB) blueprint. This document signals a significant shift in the strategic direction for ICBs, fundamentally reshaping their functions and emphasising a more streamlined, focused approach to system leadership.

The blueprint outlines a reduction in the specified functions of ICBs, moving towards a model where their primary role is strategic leadership and driving large scale transformation, particularly concerning population health management. Many previously held responsibilities are set to be transferred. Many of the previously held duties are set to be transferred, either upwards to NHS regions or downwards to integrated neighbourhood health services. This recalibration aims to clarify accountability, reduce duplication, and empower local delivery closer to communities.

This evolving blueprint carries implications for specialised commissioning to ensure that specialised services continue to be integrated effectively into broader care pathways, particularly as responsibilities decentralise. ICBs will play a crucial role in advocating for the needs of their populations, informing regional specialised commissioning decisions, and ensuring that strategic commissioning intentions translate into tangible improvements in patient care within their systems.

Leaders across South London are actively engaging with this blueprint to understand its full ramifications for system working, resource allocation, and the long term sustainability of integrated care.

Document download courtesy of HSJ, "ICB functions radically reduced in national 'blueprint', 6 May 2025 | [link](#)

Model ICB blueprint: Discussions across the system

Explore these resources for a deeper dive into what others are saying:



Podcast: "The new ICB blueprint: What's the future of system working?"

This episode from NHS Confederation's *Health on the Line* podcast features a compelling discussion on the future for how ICBs may operate in the face of the 50 per cent cut in operating costs.

Health on the Line
(14 May)



Briefing: From the trust perspective

This NHS Providers briefing provides a summary of the blueprint document, highlighting the aspects most relevant to trusts, and includes their organisational view.

NHS Providers briefing
(8 May)



Snapshot: From the trust perspective

This snapshot visual from Carnall Farrar offers an at-a-glance view to clarify the future role of ICBs and their purpose

CF overview
(14 May)

National / regional landscape

NHS Neighbourhood Health Service for London: A new vision for integrated care

A transformative vision for healthcare in the capital was unveiled last month with the launch of the NHS Neighbourhood Health Service for London. This framework outlines a significant evolution in how care is delivered, striving for a more integrated, proactive, and person centred approach rooted firmly within local communities.

At its core, the vision proposes three essential shifts to redefine healthcare delivery across London:

- moving care from hospital to community,
- accelerating the transition from analogue to digital, and
- embedding a greater emphasis on from treatment to prevention.

These interconnected shifts aim to empower individuals to manage their own health more effectively, ensure greater access to care closer to home, and leverage technology to enhance efficiency and connectivity across the system.

This new vision represents a strategic blueprint for London's integrated care systems and their partners, requiring collaborative effort to redesign care pathways and strengthen local service provision. Leaders across South London are actively engaging with this framework to align local plans and ensure that the specialised needs of our population are met within this evolving, more community focussed landscape.

- [Targeted operating model for London](#)
- [Case for change in London and proposed next steps to support implementation](#)
- [Document download](#)



Podcast: Voices of care with Andrew Bland



In this [Voices of Care](#) podcast, hear Andrew Bland, Chief Executive of NHS South East London Integrated Care Board, share his vision for a Neighbourhood Health Service to transform London's healthcare landscape.

Addressing the "perfect storm" of economic inactivity and health inequalities facing Londoners, he outlines a bold community based approach that could rebuild trust and deliver better outcomes.

Specialised delegation

National and regional update

The delegation of commissioning responsibility for 70 specialised services officially commenced on 1 April as planned for London ICBs, alongside the remaining regions in the country (South East, South West, and North East). This marks a significant shift aimed at integrating specialised care more closely with local population health needs.

However, the broader national landscape for NHS functions is undergoing significant change. In the context of NHS England's planned abolition and the movement of its functions to the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), coupled with staffing and cost reduction exercises across both ICBs and NHSE, the NHSE Transitional Executive team is undertaking a comprehensive review of functions, including direct commissioning.

Further impacting the current landscape, which includes the publication of the national ICB model blueprint (see page 2), a regional blueprint is in development. Joint discussions between London ICBs and the NHSE London region team members are being held to support staff and function change processes. There has been a pause on staff organisational transfers whilst further detail emerges through executive level workshops.

SLOSS continues to work closely with our ICB and provider partners, along with regional, interregional, and national colleagues, to navigate this evolving landscape. Our primary focus remains on ensuring the quality and long term sustainability of services for our South London populations, and we are dedicated to supporting the system as it adapts to these changes.



Systems Analytics and Finance Group (SAFG)

Navigating new allocation methodologies: DfTs

The 2025/26 financial year saw some changes to ICBs' specialised distances from targets (DfTs), with reductions observed for South East and South West London. Additionally, the 1 April *Working together in 2025/26 to lay the foundations for reform* letter from Sir James Mackey, Chief Executive of NHS England, introduced a new way of displaying these targets.

This document highlighted a desire for ICB allocations to converge towards a fair share basis, and included an appendix showing core and specialised DfTs combined for the first time, along with a percentage acceptable range. This integration of specialised services fair share allocations together with core ICB allocations aims to provide ICBs with greater strategic control over total healthcare spend.

Combining the two targets may also allay some of the concerns previously raised by SLOSS regarding the specialised allocation methodology, and its potential misattribution of non specialised activity as specialised, artificially inflating specialised DfTs. This combined measure makes it more likely that any convergence adjustments, and the associated need to manage costs, would fall across the ICB's full portfolio rather than solely on specialised services or tertiary providers.

However, questions still remain. SLOSS analysis has questioned some of the figures and will seek further clarification. The Systems Analytics and Finance Group (SAFG) will continue to assess information and updates as released.



The cost of quick fixes: Aligning NHS capital investment with need

A new CF report, *The cost of quick fixes: Aligning NHS capital investment with need*, sheds light on the need for strategic capital allocation in the NHS. The analysis argues that a focus on short term solutions can hinder the development of integrated, forward thinking care models.

Instead, the report champions a fundamental shift towards a needs based capital strategy, intrinsically linked to population health outcomes. For specialised services, this means prioritising impactful projects, supporting innovation, and enabling future proof facilities – influencing technological adoption and service redesign. This insight is vital for senior leaders in shaping a sustainable and resilient healthcare infrastructure, aligning with broader digital and transformation goals.

Special: Driving change through digital

The pace of digital transformation across the NHS is rapidly accelerating, fundamentally reshaping how we deliver care and how our workforce operates. Technology is proving increasingly critical in tackling major challenges like elective waiting lists, streamlining operations, and ultimately enhancing patient outcomes for patients across South London.

AI in action: Locally led innovations

Artificial intelligence (AI) is at the forefront of this digital evolution, with South London trusts leading impressive advancements. Here are a few examples of how trusts are leveraging AI to deliver more efficient and patient centred care directly to our communities:

- **The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust** has just launched a new AI service for cancer care, poised to revolutionise diagnosis and treatment pathways in oncology.
- **Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust** unveiled its new AI-enabled women's health service, improving pathways and personalised care.
- Across the river, **Moorfields Eye Hospital** has partnered with the private sector for early diagnosis and proactive treatment.



Predicting blindness: AI at Moorfields

Moorfields Eye Hospital in collaboration with Google's DeepMind to create an AI system that detects more than 50 eye diseases and predicts future deterioration, with expert precision. This AI analyses intricate eye scans (OCT) to identify early signs of conditions like macular degeneration and glaucoma, enabling proactive treatment and revolutionising early diagnosis. The technology enhances specialist expertise, improves diagnostic efficiency, and offers life changing preventative care for patients.

[\(Read more...\)](#)

Pioneering for cancer care: AI at the Royal Marsden

The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust has introduced an AI powered radiology analysis service to enhance cancer research and patient outcomes. Funded by a three year grant from the National Institute for Health and Care Research, the platform aims to develop and evaluate AI algorithms for improved cancer detection in types like sarcoma, lung, breast, brain, and prostate cancers. This initiative promises faster diagnoses and more precise treatments, leading to better patient outcomes across the NHS. [\(Read more...\)](#)



Providing more personalised care: AI at GSTT

Last month, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust unveiled its new AI enabled women's health service. This innovative service leverages AI to streamline clinical processes and enhance the patient experience in women's health. By optimising appointment scheduling, improving diagnostic pathways, and providing more personalised care, the tool aims to reduce waiting times and improve efficiency within the service. [\(Read more...\)](#)

Evolving workforce strategies

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The NHS is increasingly integrating its digital workforce strategy into its broader NHS Long Term Workforce Plan initiatives. This signifies a more cohesive, system wide approach to preparing staff for the future, underscoring the ongoing commitment to upskilling our workforce with the digital literacy and expertise needed to thrive in an increasingly technology driven healthcare landscape.

Evolving workforce strategies

Further insights into this vital area come from the Royal College of Physicians' report, *Modelling the medical specialty workforce for the 2025 iteration of the NHS Long Term Workforce Plan*.

This crucial analysis highlights the specific challenges and opportunities within highly specialised medical fields, emphasising the need for tailored strategies to ensure robust pipelines of talent meet increasing demand across complex specialties. ([Read more...](#))



A note on responsible AI

While AI offers transformative potential for healthcare, it's vital to proceed with caution, transparency, robust governance, and ethics. Recent news, such as [the pause of a major NHS AI project due to GP data concerns](#), underscores this.

It's a powerful reminder that technology alone isn't a panacea for systemic challenges like waiting lists or efficiencies. The successful adoption of AI depends on stringent adherence to GDPR, meticulous data governance, and, most importantly, building and maintaining patient trust..

SLOSS's role: Driving sustainability

Within South London, SLOSS works closely with our ICB and provider partners to navigate priorities within our unique local context. We play a vital role in supporting overall system sustainability by contributing to strategic planning for specialised service needs, both short and longer term.

We actively contribute to transformation and efficiency initiatives, promoting evidence based, collaborative pathways, and leveraging data to enhance service delivery and capacity across South London. This commitment to innovation helps ensure specialised services are effective today and sustainable in future.

We are working closely with our South East London and South West London ICB partners through their ambitious system sustainability initiatives. Our aim is to ensure alignment with our South London Specialised Services Sustainability Review (see page 8) and to support the wider system view.

South London Sustainability Review



The South London Specialised Services Sustainability Review is a critical SLOSS initiative launched in the context of significant financial pressures and evolving commissioning responsibilities.

From 1 April, ICBs formally assumed responsibility for commissioning approximately £1.2 billion of specialised services. This coincides with existing system financial deficits and a change in national allocations (see page 5), increased demand, rising costs, and limited resources. With such a challenging environment, it is imperative to hone our focus on specialised services to ensure long term sustainability.

Aims

- **Financial sustainability:** Assess the financial viability, efficiency, and effectiveness of specialised services across South London.
- **Performance and equity:** Review performance, equitable access, and outcomes across the specialised portfolio.
- **Transformation and redesign:** Inform future transformation programmes, including opportunities for prevention, early detection, and care pathway redesign ("shift to the left").
- **Strategic alignment:** Support whole system strategic and sustainability planning within South London and the wider South East region.

Phase 1 (Jan - May)



Phase 2 (May - Jul)

Gathering insights

This initial phase focussed on **identifying existing opportunities** across the system, including cash releasing schemes in areas like cardiology devices and CYP long term ventilation procurement. It also involved a **comprehensive data review**, analysing national and local intelligence on activity, costs, and waiting lists to understand system wide needs.

Review and assessment

Building on insights gathered, this current phase focuses on **developing and assessing concrete proposals**. Guided by principles of **evidence based, patient-centric care, and value for money**, proposals are codesigned for realism, scalability, and sustainability. A key aim is to improve the **sustainability and resilience of tertiary services** across South London by sharing risks and benefits.



South London Sustainability Review

Targeting key areas for transformation

The review is prioritising specific types of proposals to achieve its objectives:



Service reconfiguration

This includes exploring opportunities for service consolidation, particularly for fragile services, or expanding district general hospital (DGH) activity where safe and efficient, to free tertiary capacity for more complex patients.



Referral and treatment criteria

Reviewing and adjusting criteria for specialised care to ensure resources are directed to patients most likely to benefit.



Cost reduction

Identifying opportunities to reduce costs of drugs, devices, and consumables.



Site of care adjustment

Assessing the appropriateness of where patients are treated to improve efficiency, capacity, equity, and patient experience, including analysing both inflows (out of area patients treated in South London) and outflows (South London patients treated elsewhere).

Want to share insight?

If you have views to share for the South London sustainability review, please contact [Dan Kyle](#), Associate Director.

Collaborative engagement and next steps

SLOSS is actively gathering insights and engaging a wide range of expert input to develop a shortlist of actionable proposals. These proposals will be discussed through the Executive Management Board (EMB), with clinical input and leadership leveraged through the South London Transformation Group, and financial / procurement expertise via the Systems Analytics and Finance Group (SAFG).

Next steps include completing insight collection, developing proposals for critique, and finalising them for implementation. This iterative approach aims to ensure a sustainable and resilient specialised care system for South London.

South London transformation

Sickle cell

This month, South London is buzzing with activity and significant progress in enhancing care and awareness for individuals living with sickle cell disease. From pioneering new services to vibrant community celebrations, our commitment to improving lives is stronger than ever.

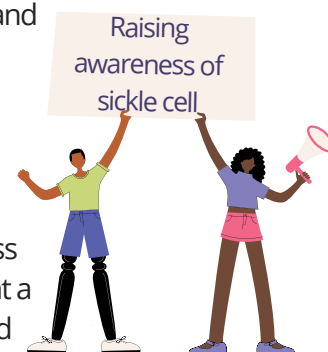
World Sickle Cell Day 2025: Tell it loud!

As we approach 19 June, World Sickle Cell Day, we join the Sickle Cell Society in their powerful call to **Tell it loud**. This year's theme encourages everyone to raise awareness, challenge stigma, and advocate for better understanding and care. [Learn how to get involved.](#)



World Sickle Cell Day: Events across South London

- **St George's Hospital** - Join SGH on 19 June 15:00-18:00 for **Red Cell Celebration Day** to celebrate patients with red cell conditions and the dedicated staff who support them. The day will feature inspiring patient stories, refreshments, diverse stands, including the Sickle Cell Society, UK Thalassaemia Society (UKTS). Attendees can also enjoy a Genomics England talk, music, art, therapy dogs, and even mini treatments (Reiki and massage) from the Full Circle Fund therapies team! (Hyde Park Room, 1st Floor, Lanesborough Wing, St George's Hospital, SW17 0QT)
- **Central London Community Healthcare** - CLCH will host a **Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia Awareness Day** at Raynes Park Library on 19 June, 10:30-12:30. This family-friendly event will include face painting, henna designing, refreshments, information on pain management, and presentations – including an introduction to the South West Division Haemoglobinopathy service. (21 Approach Road, SW20 8BA)
- **Croydon Health Services** - The Croydon team has an extensive schedule of activities throughout June, leading up to World Sickle Cell Day. These include training sessions for public health nurses, information stalls at CUH and in the community, a network awareness day for healthcare professionals, and a youth transition focus group. These efforts highlight a holistic approach to education and support across the region. Events held at Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia Centre, 316-320 Whitehorse Road, CR0 2LE unless otherwise noted.
 - 18 June - Information stall for public and staff (Croydon University Hospital, 530 London Road, CR7 7YE)
 - 19 June - Information stall with [Croydon Sickle Cell & Thalassaemia Support Group](#)
 - 20 June - LAS awareness training (Croydon Ambulance Station, Primrose Lane, CR0 8YY)
 - 28 June - Youth transition focus group facilitated by the Croydon Health Services Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia Specialist Nursing team, including young people, peers, parents, and advocates.
- **Penge Primary Care Network** - Penge PCN will host their **Shine the light on sickle cell** event on 18 June, which aims to further raise awareness and understanding within the community. (Anerley Town Hall, Anerley Road, SE20 8BD)



Looking ahead: Future sickle cell events

Join us for a celebration of strength and unity with the Sickle Cell Society and South East London ICB for a community picnic at Crystal Palace Park on 2 August, 11:00-15:00. Enjoy food, music and games whilst learning about enhanced sickle cell community services and peer support. Get access to advice from NHS experts, too!

South London transformation

Sickle cell

SGH ED bypass unit for sickle cell: Now open weekends

We are pleased to announce a significant step forward in urgent care for sickle cell patients in South West London. The sickle cell ED bypass unit at St George's Hospital is now operational for weekend hours, running from 8:00–18:00.

The bypass unit aims to provide rapid access to specialist care, significantly reducing ED wait times for patients experiencing a sickle cell crisis. Early feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, with patients receiving timely medication—and even being discharged early thanks to prompt treatment.



This enhanced service is a testament to strong collaboration not just with the London Ambulance Service (LAS), but also with SGH ED colleagues. The team has undertaken extensive training efforts and communication initiatives with ED staff. As a result, ED teammates are now expertly equipped to recognise the specific symptoms of patients in crisis, deal with their immediate needs more effectively, and swiftly direct them to the bypass unit if they present in the ED. There is now much greater communication, ensuring ED teams know precisely who to call, what immediate steps to take, and how to help these patients get fast, specialised support.

The team is gaining confidence in the unit's comprehensive effectiveness, and with this robust, collaborative support, the plan is to soon transition to a 24/7 service model.

New SWL Sickle Programme Oversight Group (SPOG) launched

To ensure strategic direction and sustained progress, the new Sickle Programme Oversight Group (SPOG) has been established in South West London. This quarterly group bringing together all key partners to review progress, proactively address risks and issues, share successes, and agree on future priorities.

The inaugural meeting covers a comprehensive agenda, including strategic updates, detailed provider updates from various teams (such as the ED bypass unit, community, red cell pain management and psychology teams), and an essential segment dedicated to the patient's voice – hearing directly about individual journeys and the impact of services. This group marks a dedicated commitment to coordinated, patient centred improvements across the sickle cell pathway.

Give blood, spread love: Supporting sickle cell care

Michaela Mayhew, St George's Hospital Haemoglobinopathy Lead Nurse, will present at Wandsworth Council's *Give blood, spread love* event on 17 June.

Marking World Blood Donor Day (14 June), she'll discuss the SGH sickle cell bypass unit and the vital need for blood donation. For those with sickle cell, regular transfusions replenish healthy red cells, especially from Black heritage donors (due to specific blood types like Ro), crucial for managing symptoms and improving life quality.



South London transformation

SEL multimorbidity model of care

The health landscape of South East London presents complex challenges, particularly with a significant proportion of our population living with multiple long term conditions (mLTCs).

To address these complexities head on and foster a truly sustainable system, South East London Integrated Care Board (SEL ICB) launched the pioneering multimorbidity model of care (MMMoC). The recently published Phase I evaluation of the MMMoC showcases its early successes, innovative approach to integrated care, and ambitious plans for the future.

Addressing the challenge: Why integrated multimorbidity care matters

South East London faces a substantial and growing burden of chronic conditions. One-third of the population (658,000 people) lives with at least one long term condition, and nearly half of those manage two or more. This often leads to fragmented care pathways, inefficient service coordination, and exacerbates existing health inequalities, with a disproportionate impact on global majority ethnic groups. For chronic kidney disease (CKD) specifically, GP registers are currently half their expected size, meaning many individuals are undiagnosed. This is critical, as uncoded CKD patients face double the mortality rate and a higher risk of adverse drug prescriptions, despite the availability of medications, like SGLT2i, that can significantly delay progression to end stage kidney disease by up to 15 years.



The multimorbidity model of care (MMMoC) is designed to build a person centred, holistic, and truly integrated care pathway for individuals with multiple long term conditions.

The model is structured around three interconnected pillars of work, delivered by multidisciplinary teams across various care settings:

- **Pillar 1: Prevention and targeted testing** - Focusses on proactive health checks and early detection for at risk patients, including community outreach and digital remote testing, to improve long term outcomes.
- **Pillar 2: Clinical case management of complex patients in the community** - Provides holistic, patient centred care led by senior clinical staff, involving comprehensive assessments and coproduction of care plans.
- **Pillar 3: Integrated acute care** - Embeds acute colleagues within integrated teams to provide specialist input, support upskilling in primary care, and develop novel pathways for comprehensive, patient centred support.

Through this comprehensive and collaborative approach, the MMMoC aims to transform the delivery of care, moving closer to patients' homes and fostering a proactive health environment.



SWL progress: Contributing to integrated South London care

While this update highlights progress in South East London, we want to acknowledge the equally vital and similar work underway in South West London (SWL). Their dedication to integrated care for those with multiple long term conditions is a crucial part of the wider South London effort.

We are in discussions to support SWL in the local evaluation of their work, ensuring that learnings and best practice can be shared and scaled, strengthening our collective aim to deliver the best possible care for our populations.

South London transformation

SEL multimorbidity model of care

Phase I evaluation: Clinical and operational victories

The MMMoC first phase evaluation found significant **successes in both clinical outcomes and operational efficiency**. Across participating trusts, the model has enhanced multidisciplinary team working, leading to more holistic patient management. Clinically, we've seen positive trends in disease progression markers and patient reported outcomes, indicating better health management for individuals with complex needs. Operationally, the model has streamlined pathways, improving resource allocation and reducing unnecessary interventions. These early victories demonstrate the model's potential to deliver higher quality, more coordinated care while optimising system resources. The findings provide a strong foundation for scaling these effective practices across South London.

“This is the only model.
We must see the patient's
health as whole.”

– Staff member



Human impact: Staff and patient experience

Beyond the metrics, the MMMoC has impacted both patients and staff. For patients navigating multiple complex conditions, the model has fostered a sense of **greater support and empowerment**. Individuals report feeling more involved in their care decisions and experiencing less fragmentation across different specialties. This integrated approach reduces the burden of managing multiple appointments and conflicting advice.

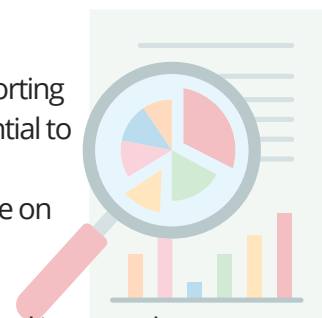
For clinical staff, the model has enhanced collaboration and communication across disciplines, leading to a more shared understanding of patient needs. Teams feel better equipped to provide holistic care, reporting increased job satisfaction and a sense of collective purpose in tackling complex cases.



Financial value and sustainability

The MMMoC is not only improving care but also delivering significant financial value and supporting **long term sustainability**. By optimising care pathways, the model is demonstrating the potential to **reduce healthcare costs** associated with unplanned admissions and inefficient resource use. Proactive, integrated management helps prevent acute exacerbations, thereby easing pressure on emergency services and inpatient beds.

The early evaluation suggests that investments in the MMMoC lead to overall system savings and improved value for money. This financial prudence, combined with enhanced patient outcomes, underscores the model's role in building a more resilient and sustainable specialised care system for South London.



Next steps: Scale and spread

Building on the promising results of Phase I, the MMMoC is now focussed on **scaling and spreading best practice**. The aim is to embed the model's core principles and successful pathways more widely, ensuring more patients with multimorbidities benefit from integrated, person centred care. This next phase involves continued collaboration with trusts, ICBs, and other partners to share learnings, adapt the model to diverse local contexts, and overcome any implementation challenges. Through iterative development and robust evaluation, the goal is to fully integrate the MMMoC into the specialised services landscape, establishing a new standard for managing complex conditions across the region.



South London transformation

Blood borne viruses

Across South London, significant strides are being made in combating blood borne viruses (BBV), with a strong focus on prevention, improving access to care, and addressing health inequalities – as seen within our South London opt out ED testing programme and pioneering work in HIV re-engagement.

Championing equity: HIV re-engagement

The SEL HIV re-engagement project is making a profound difference in tackling a critical health inequalities. This initiative proactively identifies and supports individuals who have disengaged from vital HIV care, a challenge disproportionately affecting Black African and Black Caribbean communities.

Impactful outcomes: The project has successfully re-engaged **197 individuals** in care, of which **70.1% are from Black African, Black Caribbean, and other Black communities** – in contrast to overall rates. This targeted approach addresses significant barriers, often linked to socioeconomic factors.

Upon re-engagement, **80% of patients rapidly initiated antiretroviral therapy (ART)**, leading to **70% achieving viral suppression** within six months for those with follow up data. This not only dramatically improves individual health outcomes but also effectively negates the risk of onward HIV transmission.

Value for money and system benefits: Financially, the project demonstrates substantial value. **Every new HIV infection prevented saves an estimated £220,000**, and a single inpatient stay for a complex HIV related condition can cost up to £114,000. These savings highlight the project's significant contribution to NHS sustainability.

The project's successes have been widely shared, informing national guidance (including the new HIV Action Plan) and inspiring other long term condition teams to adopt similar strategies for reducing health inequalities. SEL ICB has agreed to continue the highly successful HIV re-engagement project into 2025/26, ensuring sustained support for this vital work.

ED opt out testing

Our South London opt out testing programme in EDs facilitates early diagnosis for HIV, hepatitis B, and hepatitis C.

We are currently reviewing national allocations for 2025/26, which include provisions for supporting non negative results and treatment management.



For the diary



Zero HIV Stigma Day - 21 July

This day serves as a critical reminder of the importance of fostering acceptance, reducing discrimination, and ensuring that fear and stigma do not act as barriers to HIV testing, treatment, or care.



World Hepatitis Day - 28 July

Dedicated to raising global awareness of viral hepatitis and encouraging prevention, testing, and treatment. This year's campaign will highlight the urgent need to eliminate hepatitis as a public health threat.

South London transformation

Neurosciences

Significant steps are being taken to enhance neurological, spinal, and neurosurgical services across our region, including the upcoming launch of a new network.

Advancing neurosciences care in South East London and Kent

A new neurosciences network for South East London and Kent will launch on Friday, 4 July, via Microsoft Teams.

The network's core aim is to integrate existing neurology, spinal, and neurosurgery workstreams, fundamentally transforming the entire patient journey. This will ensure that patients have timely access to specialist neuroscience services, regardless of where they live within the South East London and Kent region.

Guided by a population health approach, the network will foster a holistic and collaborative environment to achieve improved outcomes for all patients.

Call for expressions of interest

The new South East London and Kent Neurosciences Network is actively seeking engagement and input from a wide range of professionals, including primary care providers, nursing teams, allied health professionals (AHPs), and neuroscience clinicians across the area.

If you are interested in contributing to the network's priorities and sharing your valuable insights, please complete the [online expression of interest form](#).



For the diary

Global MND Day - 21 June

Global MND Day on 21 June is dedicated to raising awareness of motor neurone disease (MND), and to stand in solidarity with those living with MND and their families.

Learn more through the [MND Association website](#).



South London specialised networks

SLOSS team update

We are pleased to share that Alice Ward will be returning from maternity leave to the role of Associate Director for Networks and Transformation from 3 July.

We are grateful to Jessie McCulloch for her hard work and dedication in covering the role, and wish her all the best in her new role as Programme Director, Mind & Body, with King's Health Partners.

STPN: Improving healthcare for children and young people, together

The South Thames Paediatric Network (STPN) continues its vital work in uniting healthcare professionals to enhance children's services across South London (SEL and SWL), Kent, Surrey, and Sussex.

Dedicated to improving patient journeys and outcomes, the network covers mandated programmes of work in "Surgery in Children" and "Paediatric Critical Care", and educational programmes are tailored accordingly. Upcoming offerings include:

- Paediatric Critical Care Conference: Mark your calendars for the Paediatric Critical Care Conference Level 1-3 on 15 September in Brighton. This major event offers a crucial opportunity for professional development in critical care.
- Specialised training and resources: The network continues to provide targeted upskilling, including a Long Term Ventilation Study Day for Community Nurses on 3 July.
- Ongoing lunchtime webinar series covering series of topics, including: hearing loss in children; supporting children with learning, communication and behavioural difficulties in elective surgery pathways; end of life care in hospital settings; and many more. Extensive resources are also available on their Moodle platform for continuous learning.

Learn more on their website, stpn.uk.

Get involved with the STPN

The success of the South Thames Paediatric Network (STPN) is built on active participation. If you're a healthcare professional interested in shaping and improving paediatric services, the STPN invites you to become a member and share your expertise.

SL clinical network manager meeting

4 July

The next meeting for South London clinical network managers and colleagues will be on Friday, 4 July.

Please contact Andrea Marlow for details.

STPN annual report

The South Thames Paediatric Network has published its 2024/25 annual report, highlighting accomplishments and progress over the past year.



Become an STPN Member!

We would like all stakeholders within the South Thames Region to become a member of the STPN.

Your feedback is of value and impacts the work carried out within the network. It is important to us that the right information gets to the right people, becoming a member means you opt into comms you want to engage in.



The healthcare landscape is complex.

South London integrated care boards (ICBs) and specialist providers have taken the opportunity to work collaboratively to integrate specialised services and deliver an end to end pathway approach for patients.

South London partners

- [Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust](#)
 - [King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust](#)
 - [St George's University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust](#)
 - [South East London Integrated Care System](#)
 - [South West London Integrated Care System](#)
 - [The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust](#)
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SLOSS is a system change catalyst, guiding specialised healthcare in South London towards a more equitable, efficient, and sustainable future.

Our values of collaboration, inclusivity, and a commitment to excellence enable us to foster strong partnerships across the system, breaking down silos and enabling seamless care delivery.

Driven by our mission to underpin specialised transformation with a robust and compelling evidence base, we provide the data, insights, and implementation expertise needed to optimise specialised care pathways, reduce inequalities, improve efficiency, and ensure value for money.

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