



## South London comes together for sickle cell and gets ready for Awareness Month *(see page 4)*

This month we celebrate real progress across HIV, hepatitis, renal multimorbidity, neurosciences, and sickle cell -- plus the publication of our 2024/25 annual report, new community clinics, and two projects shortlisted for the 2025 HSJ Awards.

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

## SLOSS shortlisted for three HSJ Awards

We are delighted to announce that two SLOSS projects, delivered with South East London Integrated Care System, have been shortlisted in this year's HSJ Awards.

★ **South East London Enhanced Sickle Cell Community Service** - Innovation and Improvement in Reducing Healthcare Inequalities

★ **South East London Multi Morbidity Model of Care** - Integrated Care Initiative of the Year and Primary and Community Care Innovation of the Year

We are grateful to everyone who has worked so hard to make these projects as impactful as they are for our communities.



### *Enhanced sickle cell community service*

The enhanced sickle cell community pilot is new community-based service designed to provide greater support for people of all ages with sickle cell disorder in south east London. This includes more peer support, access to a multi-disciplinary team of specialists in one appointment and help with everyday matters like welfare support. The service aims to improve access, experience, and outcomes for over 3,000 people with sickle cell disorder in south east London, fostering trust and comprehensive wellbeing.

### *Multi morbidity model of care*

The multi morbidity model of care in South East London is a new primary and community based approach to proactively manage multiple long term conditions, starting with cardiorenal metabolic health. Integrated neighbourhood teams bring together GPs, community services, and specialists to detect conditions earlier, optimise treatment, and reduce hospital visits. Early results show better detection and prescribing, fewer admissions, and high patient and staff satisfaction.



## SLOSS annual report published

Our annual report, *Delivering impact, shaping change*, reflects a year of progress across HIV, hepatitis, neurosciences, renal multimorbidity, and sickle cell — as well as our cross cutting work on networks, transformation, delegation, and system sustainability.

It features strategic highlights, data led impact stories, and practical insights from across South London's specialised services.

See examples of how South London partnership, analytics, and clinical leadership are driving better, more efficient care across the region.

# NHS England / system updates

## National update: Direct commissioning review

We understand the national review of direct commissioning has now concluded, with further details expected in September.

It is likely that ICBs will move from delegated delivery to full statutory responsibility for functions like specialised services from April 2027, subject to legislation.

ICBs will be expected to collaborate on delivery, supported by current NHS England expertise.

## NAO report warns on long term NHS financial sustainability

This [National Audit Office \(NAO\) report](#) highlights ongoing structural deficits in the NHS, rising reliance on short term cash injections, and ambitious assumptions around productivity savings. It questions whether current planning realistically accounts for inflation, capital backlog, and demand growth.

**Why it matters:** This reinforces the need for credible, costed transformation – especially models that demonstrate cash releasing benefits, like those developed by SLOSS.



# South London transformation

## Sickle cell

### Community sickle cell picnic a success

We had the absolute pleasure of hosting the South East London Sickle Cell Community Picnic on 2 August, in partnership with South East London Integrated Care System, the Sickle Cell Society and the South East and South East London Haemoglobinopathy Coordinating Centre.

It was an amazing day full of games, laughter, and great food! It was fantastic to see so many people come together to recognise and celebrate the strength of the sickle cell community in south east London.

We had the honour of meeting families, young people, clinicians, mentors, and supporters. We are grateful to our colleagues for their incredible team effort and putting on such a fantastic day.



Above: A great day to celebrate families impacted by sickle cell in South East London.



Right: A space to share information and strengthen connections between patients and providers.

Questions may be directed to Loretta Achiekwelu.

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## Sickle cell



Left: Attendees laugh during the day filled with games and fun.

Below: SLOSS colleagues Loretta Achiekwelu, Jessie McCulloch, and Adam Bradley, who hosted the day along with our partner organisations.



## September is Sickle Cell Awareness Month

Working with South East London and South West London ICB sickle cell teams, we're supporting a calendar of community and hospital-based activities to raise awareness, improve understanding, and promote wellbeing. We want to use this time to showcase what's changing -- from new emergency pathways to enhanced services in the community and to mentoring support for young people.

The national theme, *Tell It Loud*, reminds us that voices were too long ignored, as uncovered in the 2021 [No One's Listening](#) report. But South London is listening – and acting.

Follow us on our social media channels and more as we share stories, innovation, and impact.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**#TellItLoud**  
Share stories. Celebrate resilience.  
Advocate for change.

**Sickle Cell Awareness Month**



# South London transformation

## Renal

### NHSE highlights MMMOC on 10 Year Health Plan website

The [10 Year Health Plan for England](#) sets out a bold and ambitious new direction for the NHS, aiming to make care more accessible, personalised and responsive to everyday life. By shifting care to communities, overstrained hospitals can focus on delivering only the best, personalised care for those who need it most.

[NHS England London region cited examples](#) of how services across the capital are already leading the way in delivering the 10 Year Health Plan, strengthening the health of the NHS for generations to come.

Within the chapters related to each shift, they highlight examples of this transformation – including the South East London multimorbidity model of care (MMMOC). It describes the model and shows the SLOSS created video, [Francine's story](#), which follows a patient through her care journey, including what a point of care clinic looks like.

The multi morbidity model of care (MMMOC) in South East London is a new way of supporting people who have several long term health conditions. It focusses on treating the whole person, not just their illnesses, by bringing together all parts of the healthcare system to work more closely.

This model of care supports patients at risk of developing or progressing chronic kidney disease and prioritises addressing their barriers to care. For example, if a patient has caring responsibilities or social needs that prevent them from prioritising their physical health needs, the team will support the patient priorities and then look towards optimising their care for their chronic kidney disease and other long term conditions.

The innovation is in the collaborative approach between primary and secondary care staff, and between clinical and non clinical staff (eg, social prescribers, care coordinators). This makes this a truly holistic pathway, where colleagues have built relationships and come together to treat patients as a whole person, led by patients, to provide them with the best quality care.



Above: "Francine's story" walks us through the multi morbidity model of care from the patient perspective.

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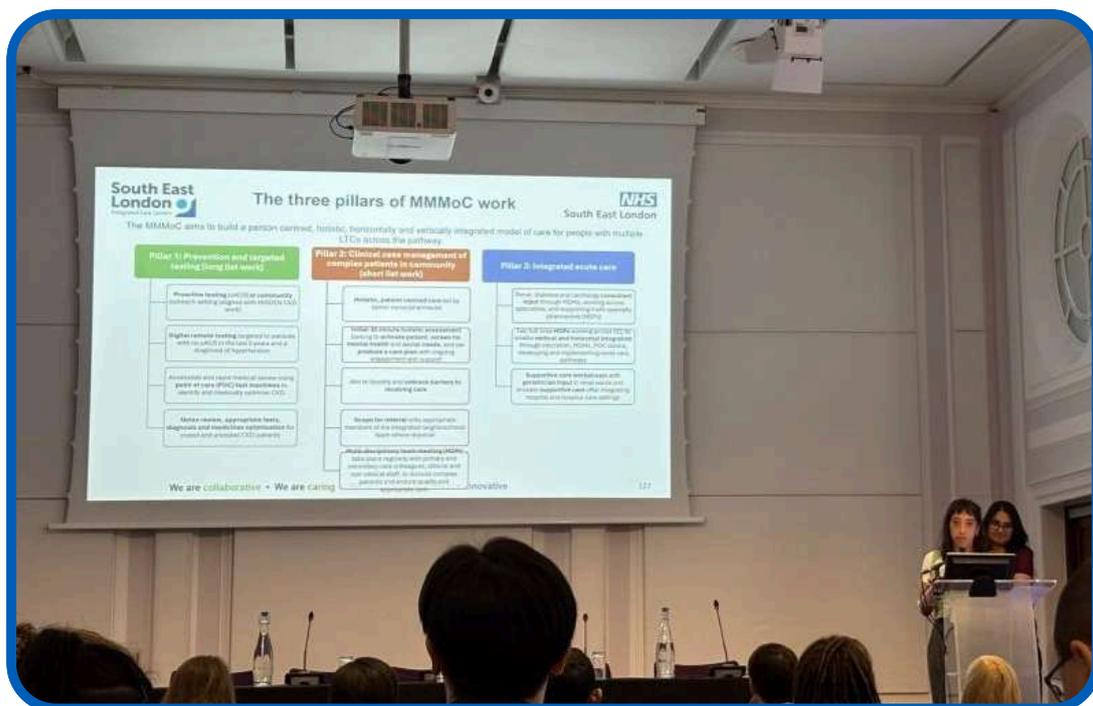
## Renal

### SLOSS presents at London programme

The London Kidney Network hosted the London Renal 3Ps Transformation Programme: Learning and sharing event. The day was designed to bring people together, spotlight innovative work, and support better kidney care across London.

The agenda was packed with engaging presentations, interactive workshops, and space for collaboration. The event explored everything from CKD prevention to sustainable models of care, with valuable input from ICS teams, national experts, and clinical leaders.

Lauren Blum, SLOSS project manager for the South East London multi morbidity model of care (MMMoC), alongside Dr Nandini Mukhopadhyay, GP at North Wood Group Practice, shared insights on the importance of neighbourhood and integrated working to improve health outcomes and build a more sustainable workforce for the future.



Above: Lauren Blum presents on MMMoC at London Kidney Network event.

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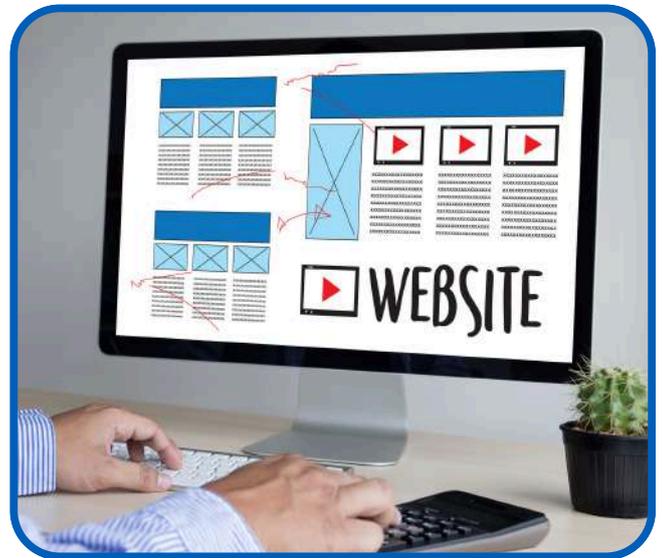
## Neurosciences

### South Thames Neurosciences Networks website:

*Building stronger links South London,  
Kent, and Surrey*

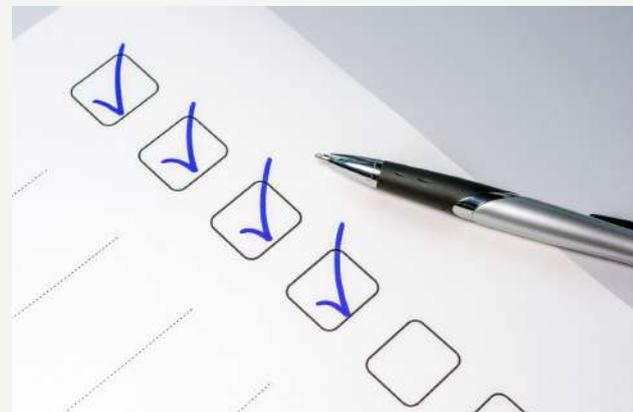
SLOSS is working with partners across South East and South West London, Kent, and Surrey to better connect the region's two neuroscience networks. This integration work is progressing well, with joint planning underway on shared priorities, aligned messaging, and a new shared online resource hub.

Each network will retain its own identity and area specific content, but all teams will benefit from a single space to access clinical updates, national guidance, and improvement tools.



### Specialised neurology service specs published

NHS England published its 13 August service specification which covers the provision of specialised neurology services (adults) and outlines how they work alongside core neurology services to deliver care using a population health approach.



# South London transformation

## Blood borne viruses

### New hepatitis B patient story published

A powerful first person account shared by NHS England highlights the emotional and clinical impact of a late hepatitis B diagnosis. Supa, founder of Hep B Companion, shares his story of diagnosis, highlights the importance of challenging stigma and advocates for better access to testing and follow up care.



Above: Supa Chantschool, CEO of Hep B Companion, a non profit dedicated to advocate for those affected by hepatitis B.

It's a compelling communications asset for raising awareness, tackling stigma, and encouraging routine testing and can be adaptable for South London campaigns and opt out ED messaging.

### Do It London website launched

The Do It London website has been refreshed and features a bold new visual style, clearer messaging, and improved accessibility—designed to better reflect the diversity of Londoners and support more inclusive engagement.

Do It London is the public facing campaign and heart of the London HIV Prevention Programme (LHPP), a city wide programme, dedicated to ending new HIV infections.

The updated site also includes new content contributions from community voices, helping to centre lived experiences in our HIV prevention work.



# South London programme updates

## South London Clinical Networks

### Launch of community heart valve disease rapid assessment clinics

The South London Cardiac ODN is pleased to announce the launch of rapid access valve assessment clinics in Lewisham and Lambeth, bringing specialist cardiac diagnostics closer to home for local residents. Clinics are held Mondays (The Waldron Centre, Lewisham) and Wednesdays (The Grantham Practice, Lambeth).

These one stop community clinics are designed to:

- Reduce waiting times for aortic stenosis diagnosis
- Improve equity across the aortic stenosis care pathway
- Deliver care closer to home, in line with the NHS Long Term Plan, by offering timely, local diagnostics

Learn more on the South London Cardiovascular Networks' website, [slcn.nhs.uk/valve](https://slcn.nhs.uk/valve).

### SL clinical network manager meeting

10 Sep 2025

The next meeting for South London clinical network managers and colleagues will be on Tuesday, 10 September, 10:00-11:00.

Please contact [Andrea Marlow](#) for details and agenda items.

### Spotlighting viral hepatitis for Liver Cancer Awareness Month (October)

We're working with the SEL and SWL Hepatitis C Operational Delivery Networks to highlight their outstanding work in blood borne virus testing, treatment, and elimination – particularly in emergency departments and high risk settings. Early ideas include showcasing local data, service innovations, and patient impact stories across South London.



## Spot. Treat. Prevent.

How South London's hepatitis networks are fighting liver cancer

### ED testing

**3.3 M** ED attendances

**1.15M** hepatitis B tests

**1.17M** hepatitis C tests

**83%** of people linked to care

### South London leads the way

SEL and SWL Hepatitis C ODNs are scaling impact through peer support, pathway design, and early intervention. This is all part of our push to **detect early, treat faster, and prevent liver cancer.**

### Reaching those most at risk

**63%** of newly diagnosed HBV patients live in England's most deprived areas

**19** first languages spoken

**85%** say ED opt out testing was beneficial

\*London ED figures, 2022-24

Questions may be directed to [Andrea Marlow](#).

### 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.

## Want to know more?

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