



'CO-DEVELOPING A WORLD-LEADING,
INTEGRATED PATHOLOGY NETWORK'

Pathology Service Transfer E-brief

Bexley, Greenwich and Lewisham



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Introduction

Welcome to the first issue of our update for GP practices in Bexley, Greenwich and Lewisham.

Your pathology services provider will switch from Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust to the new pathology partnership created by the NHS and SYNLAB in South East London.

There are a few things you need to do to prepare for the switch. These special weekly updates will provide you with the information you need over the next month to ensure a safe, smooth and seamless transfer of services.

In case you missed it...new pathology partnership created for South East London



On 1 April 2021, Guy's and St Thomas' and King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trusts formed a new partnership with SYNLAB UK & Ireland to deliver and transform pathology services used by hospitals, GPs, community services and other NHS healthcare providers across South East London.

The partnership aims to implement the NHS clinical vision for pathology provision, by creating a new '[hub and spoke pathology network](#)' by 2024. This transformation – one of the largest in the UK – will deliver many benefits for local patients as well as the NHS clinicians caring for them. It also promises to create greater capacity and resilience in local testing services to ensure high quality pathology provision which is fit for the future.

Pathology services provided to primary and community care across Bexley, Greenwich and Lewisham will transfer to the new partnership, which has temporarily retained the name of the existing service provider, Viapath, until a new brand is launched in Spring 2022.

[Find out more about SYNLAB](#)

We are listening



There will be many opportunities for you to raise issues, share opinions, ask questions and find out more.

- Ahead of go-live, we will hold two virtual '**drop-in' Q&A sessions**, giving you the chance to speak directly to NHS and Viapath colleagues about the transfer of services. They will be held on **21 October**, from **12:00 until 13:00**, and on **27 October**, from **14:00 until 15:00**. The sessions will be very informal and you can come and go as you please. You can choose to ask questions or simply listen – whatever suits you best.

You can join the sessions via the following links:

21 October [Click here to join the meeting](#)

27 October [Click here to join the meeting](#)

- **FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)** about the transfer of pathology services are continually updated on the dedicated website and can be accessed by [clicking here](#). We are also creating a special '**microsite**' as part of our website to provide information to guide, support and help GPs, practice and community staff. We'll be announcing more on this soon – watch this space!
- **Email:** You can contact us at any time by emailing contactus@synlab.co.uk The mailbox is monitored regularly and we aim to respond to queries within two working days of receipt.

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