

South East London CVD Inequalities Scheme

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

In 2022 funding and accompanying support was made available to PCNs in southeast London to support the detection, management and reduction in inequalities in hypertension in care, and support COVID recovery.

At the end of 2022-23 we saw a significant improvement in Hypertension QoF achievement across SEL. To ensure teams are supported to maintain and further improve the diagnosis and management of Hypertension, funding has been made available for a second year.

An offer, not an ask

What is the offer?

Funding is available to PCNs to enable practices to make improvements in their work around hypertension. This support to practices will include:

- Facilitated quality improvement 'visit' (supported by CESEL)
- An additional tailored support visit for one or more practices within each PCN and ensure the learning is shared across the PCN
- Flexible support based upon needs of the practices. This could include;
 - a focus on hypertension alone or
 - hypertension support within the context of other CVD factors e.g. CKD
 - training for support staff (e.g. HCAs, admin) who play such a vital role in managing long-term conditions

It is also important that findings from the improvement exercise are shared, therefore PCNs will be asked to contribute to a short evaluation exercise.

Note: If your practice/ 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 plans.

Payment

£200,000 is available across SEL. As per last year, it will be distributed to participating PCNs based on a formula that reflects:

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

Each participating PCN will receive a payment upon completing the aspects of the programme and sharing feedback.

To understand how many PCNs wish to participate in the scheme PCN leads are invited to confirm their interest in their PCN taking up the support offer, by Friday 24th November, 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](#).