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Changes to the Nursing Code and nurse revalidation

We have produced new guidance regarding changes to the Code and introduction of revalidation for nurses from April 2016. The guidance is for use by GP principles, practice managers and all nurses.

Friends and Family Test submissions – breach notices for failure to submit

There has been a significant decline in London practices submitting their Friends and Family Test data in May and June. This needs to be submitted monthly, within 12 working days of the end of each month. Failure to do so three months in a row may result in a breach notice.

Care Quality Commission inspections are changing

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) will allocate an inspector to each Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) area by October 2015. The inspector will carry out the majority of inspections in that area. Practices will still receive two weeks' notice of their inspection.

London Improvement Grant application process

The deadline for London Improvement Grant applications for those which do not require planning permission has been extended to Friday 28 August. The deadline for those which require planning permission remains Monday 28 September.

#100daysofhealth

The Commons Health Select Committee recently took evidence from Simon Stevens, CEO of NHS England and Islington MP Emily Thornberry cited findings from our recent workforce survey during her questioning. Londonwide LMCs will be submitting a response to the Committee's new Inquiry into Primary Care.

Speakers' Corner

As young people turn their attention to sun, sea, sand and a certain other pleasure, Dr Sebastian Kalwij gives his views on sexual health in general practice.

Guidance Updates

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Updated PGD and PSD guidance

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Vaccination and immunisation guidance

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Also this month...

GPs should not automatically provide medical records following insurer subject access requests

An Information Commissioner's Office decision says handing over medical records wholesale following subject access requests (SARs) from insurers may be illegal, even with patient consent.

GMS global sum calculation and data request for atypical population profiles

The BMA have produced a document that details how the global sum allocation (Carr-Hill formula) determines how much funding a GMS contract provides to a practice. This is following the changes to the GMS contract after the withdrawal of the Minimum Practice Income Guarantee (MPIG). The document may also be of use to those in the process of switching from PMS to GMS due to PMS reviews.

Primary Care Workforce Commission report

The Primary Care Workforce Commission was led by Professor Martin Rowland. Their report 'the future of primary care: creating teams for tomorrow' was published on 22 July. There are 38 recommendations covering workforce, practice skills (pharmacists etc), federations, integrating care, technology, safety, end of life care, managing specific patient groups, and data.

GP resilience app

The app, based around our GP Resilience, Take Control campaign, includes resilience guides for you to read on the move as well as the latest news from Londonwide LMCs. The app is free to download. Simply visit the iTunes store, give it a go and let us know what you think by emailing comms@lmc.org.uk. The iPhone and iPad app is intended as a pilot, with other handset brands and operating systems to follow.

Media round-up

Michelle spoke on camera to ITV News on Monday 10 August about EU citizens getting European Health Insurance cards in the UK and using them to bill the NHS for healthcare in their home countries. Michelle explained that a more comprehensive registration process should be administered by the NHS, rather than general practice. Michelle spoke to Nursing in Practice and Management in Practice at the start of August, detailing the pressures facing the London general practice workforce as a whole and looking at how to better coordinate care to improve patient outcomes.

Got a story? Email us at comms@lmc.org.uk. Deadline for next month's submissions is 12 June.
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