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Health Select Committee's new inquiry into Primary Care - our response

Londonwide LMCs' response to the Commons Parliamentary Health Select Committee's new inquiry into primary care is now available.

Don't let your NMC registration lapse – information for nurses and practice managers

From November, anyone who allows their Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) registration to lapse will need to make an application for readmission in order to regain access to the register. This could take between two and six weeks.

Retired Quality and Outcomes Framework (QOF) indicators update

Practices have highlighted concerns in relation to the request from the Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC) to extract data related to retired QOF indicators. The BMA's General Practitioners Committee (GPC) Executive team has taken up the profession's legitimate concerns with NHS England and NHS Employers.

Updated Subject Access Requests (SARs) guidance from the BMA

The BMA has issued updated 'Focus on' guidance on Subject Access Requests for insurance purposes following input from the Information Commissioner's Office.

Warning for practices that use a PBX telephone system

There are reports that some businesses have recently been victims of PBX fraud where a fraudster hacked into their phone lines and made premium rate calls at a significant cost to the practice.

Speakers' Corner

Jeremy Hunt has pledged to recruit 5000 extra GPs by 2020. Dr Joe Rosenthal from the Department of Primary Care and Population Health at UCL Medical School writes about what is needed to make general practice the positive career choice for medical students.

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Sessional GP Subcommittee Newsletter - top tips for locum pay and pensions and the benefits of joining a sessional GP group

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Deadline for return of September FFT data

Also this month...

Responsible Oxygen Prescribing

The London Respiratory Network has asked us to re-circulate a copy of the London Clinical Oxygen Network (LCON) key messages for responsible oxygen use in adults from 2012. Their advice is to continue to discuss any home oxygen prescription with the specialist respiratory team.

Broadband vouchers

The Government's superfast broadband connection vouchers worth up to £3000 are available to small and medium sized businesses until March 2016.

Life in general practice today – the Commonwealth Fund would like your views

From 28 September Dr Gordon Moore, a professor at Harvard Medical School, will be in the country to conduct a small number of personal interviews of GPs to develop a more fine-grained view of life in general practice today.

Buying Group updates

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Egg-free flu vaccine Optaflu now available

MASTA, one of the Buying Group's approved flu vaccine suppliers for the 2015-16 season, is now carrying stocks of the egg-free flu vaccine Optaflu.

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Media round-up

Londonwide LMCs and CEO Dr Michelle Drage were quoted in The Observer, on 13 September, in a front page news article based on the information submitted to the Parliamentary Health Select Committee warning that overloaded London GPs cannot cope. [Read it here.](#)

The Observer's sister paper, The Guardian, carried the Parliamentary Health Select Committee story on its website and it was also picked up by BBC London evening news on Sunday 13 September.

GP Online quotes Londonwide LMCs and Dr Michelle Drage in their article published on 15 September stating 'Londonwide LMC leaders warned ministers that GPs cannot continue under soaring workload demands and mounting pressure unless key problems are addressed'. [Read it here.](#)

Dr Michelle Drage appeared on Victoria Derbyshire on BBC2, speaking about the new NHS occupational health scheme. [See it here.](#)

Again, based on the information submitted to the Parliamentary Health Select Committee, Pulse quoted both Londonwide LMCs and Dr Michelle Drage. The article, entitled 'London GPs tell MPs cuts in mental health services are hitting them hard', was published on 14 September 2015. [Read it here.](#)

Pulse released its Power 50 list which includes those who, voted for by their peers, were deemed to have made the greatest contribution to general practice in the past year. Dr Michelle Drage was voted in at number 19, while there was a special mention for Dr Tony Grewal as a 'Local Hero'.

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

Have you downloaded your resources from our GP Resilience website?

