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## November 2015 newsletter now available

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Christmas breach legal challenge success

Our test case challenging the breach notices served on practices that closed their doors on Christmas or New Year's Eve 2013 has been successful.

PMS contract review update

Further details of the PMS review including the process CCGs and NHS England London are going through with regards to levels 1,2 and 3 are now available.

I want great care

The new Co-ordinate My Care (CMC) IT system will launch on 24 November. There are important steps for GPs to take, particularly those who have not seen the pre-launch communications from CMC.

Staff credentials

A practice recently received a breach notice for not completing adequate background checks on locums, specifically not checking their references. Our advice on background checks was issued earlier this year and has been updated accordingly.

## Speakers' Corner

Moustache aficionado Dr Tony Grewal looks at men's health issues for 'Movember' and Londonwide staff raise over £100 for the Movember charity.

## Guidance Updates

- Mandatory FGM reporting briefing note

- GPC sessional GP newsletter

- NHSE London GP bulletin

- Chaand Nagpaul's GPC newsletter

- AUA DES data extraction and payment changes

- BMA resources for junior doctors's campaign

- Free cycle parking equipment for practices

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Appeal: support the homeless this winter

Londonwide LMCs are working with Westminster LMC member Dr Paul O'Reilly to highlight the work of the Doctor Hickey Surgery in Westminster. The practice specialises in treating the homeless and there are some simple things we can do to help rough sleepers get through winter on the Capital's streets.

#### Bureaucracy busting

Recent Government announcements concerning changes to re-booking missed hospital appointments and single payments to GP practices are designed to cut bureaucracy. Our own resilience resources include posters, template letters and guides.

#### Porcine products in flu vaccine

The nasal flu vaccination, Fluenz, used in the children's flu vaccination programme contains porcine gelatine. This may not be acceptable to certain faith groups. Stocks of this brand of vaccine are also running out and will be replaced by FluMist, which is pharmaceutically identical.

## Provider development event round-up

Londonwide LMCs, in collaboration with Healthy London Partnership co-hosted an event on 4 November at the Kia Oval attended by over 100 representatives from emerging GP Provider Groups, CCGs and education providers.

## Media round-up

Michelle Drage's letter on the first anniversary of the Better Health for London (Darzi) report was published in the Evening Standard. Read Michelle's letter [here](#) and her full response to the Darzi anniversary [here](#). Dr Elliott Singer, one of Londonwide LMCs' Medical Directors, has contributed to a dilemma piece in Pulse magazine and has his martial arts interest profiled in GPOnline. Read the dilemma [here](#) and profile [here](#). The Londonwide LMCs communications team has been shortlisted for two awards at the Association of Healthcare Communications and Marketing National Awards 2015. The categories are Best Media Handling for their work detailing the challenges facing London general practice in the Guardian and Observer, and Best Engagement or Consultation for their GP Resilience campaign. The awards take place on Thursday 12 November.

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