



Londonwide LMCs

The professional voice of London general practice

Don't forget to access our State of Emergency resources

Earlier this year GPs in London and across the country declared a GP State of Emergency.

The aim of our GP State of Emergency campaign is to help GPs and their practice teams manage their increasing workload by speaking directly to them and producing emergency guidance to manage requests for unresourced work. Part of this includes identifying activities that are not covered by the core contract and providing resources and advice on how to communicate this to patients.

Since April we have produced guidance and posters on dealing with patients who regularly miss appointments, housing applications, prescribing, shared care protocols and Department of Work and Pensions appeals. We have also produced a number of template letters for you to use, ranging from a letter to hospital providers regarding discharge of patients after a missed appointment, to a suggested letter to schools regarding requests for verification for school children sickness absence.

Our dedicated campaign website has proved very popular with nearly 8,000 visitors and over 23,000 page views since April this year.

In addition, we have engaged directly with over 500 practices in the Londonwide LMCs area, which represents 40% of all of our practices.

The work continues, so please do use the GP State of Emergency website to access your emergency resources and keep a check on the new ones that we will be producing.

We also want to hear from you. If you have any ideas on the type of guidance that practices may need let us know by emailing GPSOE@lmc.org.uk.

You can also follow us on Twitter @LondonwideLMCs, using #GPStateOfEmergency or join our Facebook group

<https://www.facebook.com/LondonwideLMCs/>.

We know that general practice is on its knees and can't take any more. Patients risk losing their GPs unless the pressure eases and Londonwide LMCs continues to fight on your behalf to highlight the pressures you face on a daily basis.