



Londonwide LMCs

The professional voice of London general practice

Londonwide LMCs' March 2017 newsletter

Unresourced and unfunded work

Our workforce survey and feedback from practices show significant demand for work outside of the core contract being put on London's GP practices.

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Budget summary

The Spring Budget provides no extra money for general practice, £2bn was announced for social care, which the Government is still committed to despite scrapping the National Insurance rise intended to fund it.

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[Tax changes for locum and sessional GPs](#)

[Intermediaries legislation \(also known as IR35\) is changing. This will affect locums and sessionals who invoice through limited companies and the practices who pay them.](#)

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Winter Indemnity Scheme extended to Easter weekend

NHS England's Winter Indemnity Scheme has been extended to run until 17 April 2017, a month longer than originally intended.

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GPC regional election results

Dr Michelle Drage has been re-elected to the BMA's General Practitioners Committee, Dr Pamela Martin from Lewisham has also been elected.

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Resource of the Month

Requests for Medical Certificates for school children during term time Use our template letter to respond to requests to provide a medical certificate to validate a child's absence from school.

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SNAP POLL

Is your practice reimbursed for child safeguarding reports?

Yes

No

Sometimes

Guidance Updates

- GPC Chair's newsletter

- Sessional GP newsletter

- Safe, sustainable and productive staffing in district nursing services

- NHS Property Services debt letters

- Payments of business rates directly to Local Authorities

Londonwide Diary
March

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Dr Michelle Drage speaking at RCGP City Health Conference

April

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Londonwide LMCs' Annual Conference

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Professional and practice issues for HCAs and APs

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Dr Michelle Drage speaking at 'priorities for health and social care in London' and next steps for the Devolution Programme

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Using GMC guidance in general practice

GUEST BLOG - Child safeguarding reports – where does your practice stand with local authorities?

With resources squeezed many practices are looking to make sure all the services they provide are properly funded. A number of practices have asked about child safeguarding reports, Vicky Ferlia our Director of GP Support Services, explains what all parties' obligations are and how they arose.

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Also this month...

Fact sheet: Community Health Partnerships and NHS Property Services

Some practices are experiencing substantial increases in premises service charges and difficulties in understanding their invoices. We have produced a fact sheet as part of our activities to support these practices.

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Londonwide LMCs' conference update – we are fully booked!

Our annual conference is now fully booked, although anyone wishing to attend can get on the waiting list in case of cancellations. We have an exciting range of speakers and workshops confirmed.

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#GPStateofEmergency update

Our GP State of Emergency campaign is almost a year old and continues to go from strength-to-strength, with the website just passing 10,000 downloads of template letters, posters and guidance documents.

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Media and public affairs round-up

On 14 March Londonwide LMCs's CEO Dr Michelle Drage was quoted in GPOnline in an article on regional variations in CQC ratings. On 13 March Michelle was quoted in Pulse in an article covering our work to prevent practice closures. On 8 March Dr Elliott Singer, Medical Director at Londonwide LMCs, was quoted in Pulse's coverage of the Chancellor's Spring Budget.

We continue to be very active in promoting the interests of London GPs and practice staff on Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn. We also support practices that are approached with media requests, you can find details of how to get support here.

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

Downloaded your resources from our GP State of Emergency website.

