

## Londonwide LMCs' July 2017 newsletter

Guidance on CCG plans to make GPs ask patients to pay for over the counter treatments

A number of London CCGs are suggesting practices should ask patients to buy their own OTC medicines. We outline the regulatory and contractual issues created by such plans.

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BMA ballot on willingness to close lists as part of industrial action

Practices are asked whether they would consider closing their lists following an LMC conference motion on workload.

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Violent patients – a step-by-step guide to safeguarding staff

Detailed advice on how to manage safeguarding of staff following the removal of a violent patient from a practice's list.

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GP Essential Survival Kit event round-up

This month we ran our Essential Survival Kit event, we’ve picked out some of the more interesting points raised on social media for those who were unable to attend.

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Premises update

News on new requirements around leases, relocation and details on the financial assistance available for rents and service charges.

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Resource of the Month

Response to requests to follow up investigations performed in other settings.

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What is most important factor in keeping new GPs in the profession?

Pay

Work/life balance

A varied career

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Planning for your winter flu campaign

Now is the time for practices to start making their preparations, including buying in stock, promoting vaccination and scheduling in inoculation sessions.



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Also this month...

One-off compensation payment for practices

At the end of June practices should have received a one-off payment of £250 to compensate them for the administrative burden incurred since April 2016 as a result of problems caused by Primary Care Support England.

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BMA releases updated locum and salaried GP handbooks

Newly revised handbooks covering working both as a locum and a salaried GP are now available.

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## Media and public affairs round-up

On 29 June Londonwide LMCs' CEO, Dr Michelle Drage was on BBC Radio London's drivetime show, discussing the pressures on general practice raised at the BMA's Annual Representative Meeting (ARM). On 16 June Londonwide LMCs' Medical Director, Dr Jenny Law contributed to a Pulse dilemma piece on how to handle unreasonable behaviour by a partner.

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](mailto:comms@lmc.org.uk). Deadline for next month's submissions is 16 August.

Downloaded your resources from our GP State of Emergency website.

