



# Londonwide LMCs

The professional voice of London general practice

## Londonwide LMCs' January 2018 newsletter

January 2018 Newsletter

Local authority reports and letters reimbursement

With practice resources more squeezed than ever we have written to local authorities in London to remind them that GP practices should be reimbursed for time spent writing certain reports and letters.

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Get ready now for the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

Data protection law is changing this year. Practices need to be ready for the GDPR which comes into force on 25 May 2018.

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## Dr PJS Sandhu obituary

This month we lost Dr PJS Sandhu, an LMC member for Ealing and a prominent Southall GP. PJ was an enthusiastic advocate for general practice in West London for more than three decades.

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## LMC elections 2018

This summer every seat on all our LMCs is up for election. We look forward to welcoming representation from all GPs including partners, employed, locum, new entrants and trainees.

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## Primary care barometer

Our researchers at Rand are still looking for practice managers who are willing to join an innovative stress and workload study.

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Resource of the Month

Updated finance guides

We have updated our suite of finance guides ahead of the start of the new financial year.

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SNAP POLL

What best describes your practice’s financial planning?

On top of it

Getting by

Not enough time

## Guidance Updates

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GPC Chair's newsletter

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Londonwide Diary  
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Londonwide LMCs' conference

Why being able to summarise medical records still matters in the digital age

Trainer Hilary Andrews explains why the move to electronic records means having non-clinical staff who can summarise notes is still a valuable asset.

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Also this month...

Tips of the month

A round-up of our weekly practical tips shared during January, based on common queries we received from GPs and practice teams.

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## GPC roadshow

The BMA's General Practitioners Committee (GPC) are holding a roadshow in the afternoon on Thursday 15 February in London. The GPC Executive team will be explaining the contract changes for 2018/19 and taking questions. Note: this event was moved from 7 March.

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## General Practitioner Committee elections

Two seats in London are up for election in the latest round of elections to the BMA's GPC. Nominations are now open.

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#### Media and public affairs round-up

On 13 January, The Times covered our campaign to push-back against inappropriate requests for school sick notes. 17 January saw Londonwide LMCs running media training for four LMC members from Tower Hamlets, Waltham Forest and Bromley.

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 14 Feb.

Download your resources from our [GP State of Emergency website](#).

