

## Londonwide LMCs' February 2018 newsletter

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Join our new Londonwide LMCs' Buying Group

We are delighted that so many practices have joined our new Londonwide LMCs' Buying Group. The group provides registered London practices with unique discounts on key products and services. Please note that you need to register, even if you used the previous buying group arrangement, if you have not done so since 30 January 2018.

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MP visit: Chuka Umunna meets with Lambeth LMC

On Friday 29 January Chuka Umunna MP visited the Exchange Surgery in his Streatham constituency for a briefing by Lambeth LMC members on the issues affecting local practices.

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It's election year at Londonwide LMCs - make your voice heard

Any GP working in one of the 27 London boroughs we represent may be nominated for election regardless of their contractual status. This is your chance to make your voice heard.

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Finance event Q&A summary

Our sold-out practice finance workshops in January provided the opportunity to question a number of experts and organisations. We have summarised this for those who were unable to attend.

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Contacting the NHS England London premises team


Following the finance workshops, NHS England London's premises team have provided us with area-specific contact details. These can be used to raise issues relating to premises reimbursements or rent reviews.

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Resource of the Month

Working collaboratively with your Patient Participation Group (PPG)

Use our guidance and action plan to work collaboratively with your PPG.

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Understanding practice finances

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LMC election nominations open

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Influenza and the annual vaccine ordering challenge for practices

Kenny Gibson, Head of Public Health Commissioning (London) and NHS England London's lead on flu vaccinations, shares his tips for anticipating the cycle of winter illnesses and getting the best value when buying in vaccine stock.

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Also this month...

Prescription charges to rise 20p to £8.80

The Government has announced that the single prescription charge for 2018/19 will be £8.80, effective from 1 April 2018. Three and 12 month prescription prepayment certificates (PPCs) remain unchanged.

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Primary care barometer

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

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General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) compliance checklist

The Information Governance Alliance (IGA) has released further guidance including an implementation checklist to help practices achieve compliance with the GDPR requirements which come into force in May.

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Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) rejects merger of Community Health Partnerships (CHP) and NHS Property Services (NHSPS)

The DHSC has rejected the Naylor Review's suggestion that CHP and NHSPS be merged, along with other recommendations around the use of receipts from sales of hospital trusts' land.

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Media and public affairs round-up

On 25 January our CEO, Dr Michelle Drage, spoke at the London Clinical Senate, supporting the retention of the independent contractor status as general practice moves to at-scale models. Over the last month the Londonwide LMCs' communications team provided media advice to practices who had CQC press releases written about them following inspections.

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 March.  
Download your resources from our GP State of Emergency website.

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