



**Londonwide LMCs**

The professional voice of London general practice

## Londonwide LMCs' April 2018 newsletter

April 2018 Newsletter

Election nominations open this month

Nominations for election to your LMC open this month and we encourage you to stand. In May we will be holding two drop-in sessions at our offices in Euston so you can learn more about becoming an LMC member.

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Success with school letters campaign

Harrow Council has responded favourably to our letter asking them to discourage schools from sending parents to GPs for sick notes.

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GDPR - practice readiness survey and further guidance

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) comes into force in just over a month. Please spend a couple of minutes telling us how ready you think your practice is.

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Responding to online comments - updated advice

We have updated our guidance to practices to cover comments made on online platforms beyond NHS Choices.

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We understand the challenges you face

Our annual conference is two weeks away. Dr Michelle Drage explains how the day will support you with new skills and insights.

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Resource of the Month

School sickness requests guidance

Our GP State of Emergency (GPSOE) guidance is designed to help you deal with requests to provide short term sickness certification for periods of less than 7 days when a child is absent from school.

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Home Office use of patient data: our first duty is to our patients and to do them no harm

Dr Jackie Applebee, Chair of Tower Hamlets LMC, outlines her concerns about NHS Digital data-sharing with the Home Office, and implications for the doctor / patient relationship.

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Also this month...

Patient access to SystmOne instant messenger



Changes to data protection laws mean patients can access messages sent via SystmOne's instant messenger upon request. These messages are kept as a permanent record, which practice staff should bear in mind when using the instant messenger.

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Vaccination codes

Childhood vaccination coding can be unexpectedly complex. There are 26 pre-school and school age vaccinations. Practices can record these vaccinations using over 1,000 different codes. Read how you can help to reduce the number of codes currently being used.

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## LEAD events in May and June 2018

We have a number of training events coming up in May and June.

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## NHS England Windrush70 Awards

In celebration of the NHS's upcoming 70th birthday, NHS England will host the Windrush70 Awards on Tuesday 12 June in Manchester. We are encouraging people to nominate NHS general practice workers who deserve special recognition for a Windrush 70 Award.

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General Practitioner of the Year Awards now open

The General Practice Awards are in their 10th year and nominations for a number of prestigious awards for primary care professionals are now open.

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On 17 March Dr Jackie Applebee, Chair of Tower Hamlets LMC, was quoted in an Evening Standard article on practices being asked for patient details by the Home Office. On 19 March Londonwide LMCs were quoted in an HSJ report on how a Babylon-powered pilot was not commissioned in Southwark, following concerns raised by local GPs including the LMC. Representatives of Ealing, Hammersmith and Hounslow LMC and Hammersmith and Fulham LMC have provided briefings to medical trade press on the challenges new delivery models pose to general practice funding.

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 May.

Download your resources from our GP State of Emergency website.

