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## Londonwide LMCs' August 2018 newsletter

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Congratulations to all those who have been elected to their LMC, the new committee year begins on 1 September. We look forward to seeing new members at the introductory meetings.

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GP partnership review

On 30 July 2018 Dr Nigel Watson and his GP Partnership Review team visited our offices and two London GP practices. The review team are happy to consider further feedback from London GPs.

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Your experience of digital health services

With increasing moves toward digital access and service provision in general practice, we want to gather information on the differing platforms and pilots offering online access, including whether and how they have involved practices.

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## Blue badge applications

We have a new waiting room poster advising patients that they do not need to book an appointment in relation to Blue Badge applications. Waltham Forest LMC has also persuaded their local authority to change its guidance.

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Advice for practices in Community Health Partnerships or NHS Property Services premises, including guidance on Occupancy Agreement letters.

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Resource of the Month

Primary/secondary care agreement

Our new guide explains where you stand on work passed from secondary care.

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### Tips for new GP trainees

We share top tips from Dr Gemma Eyres, a GP trainee who was recently elected to Tower Hamlets LMC. We also have advice from Dr Elliott Singer, Medical Director at Londonwide LMCs and a GP trainer in east London.

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Also this month...

Online STI service replaces in-person testing for asymptomatic patients

In most of our LMC areas practice staff should now be sign-posting asymptomatic patients to order free testing kits from the Sexual Health London website. The areas not covered by the scheme are: Greenwich, Hillingdon, Hounslow and Sutton

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Charging patients who miss non-NHS medicals

You should have a clear policy stating that all chargeable non-NHS work needs to be paid for in advance if you wish to charge patients who book non-NHS medicals and then fail to attend them. We explain how you can draft such a policy.

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Doctors of the World Safe Surgeries toolkit

Doctors of the World has launched the Safe Surgeries toolkit, a single site to provide GP practices with resources helping them to better understand the regulations and best practice around caring for migrant populations.

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Media and public affairs round-up

At the start of August Dr Michelle Drage, Chief Executive of Londonwide LMCs, was quoted in Pulse's coverage of comments on the viability of small practices, including in a follow-up piece.

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.

Don't forget that all practices are eligible to access Londonwide LMCs' Buying Group services. Contact email [buyinggroup@lmc.org.uk](mailto:buyinggroup@lmc.org.uk) or visit the Londonwide LMCs' Buying Group webpage for further information.

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Got a story? Email us at [comms@lmc.org.uk](mailto:comms@lmc.org.uk). Deadline for next month's submissions is 12 September.

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