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Winter pressures - keep us up to date

Last winter saw the whole health and social care system in London operating at full-stretch, with lack of capacity in secondary and social care increasing pressure on GPs. We are keen to learn what steps are being taken locally to mitigate against these issues this winter, and as we progress into winter whether they are working.

Examples of problems last winter included:

Patients being sent from A&E to their GP with instructions to ask for an same-day appointment.

Patients being discharged without summaries being sent to their GP in good time and in some cases without community services in place.

GPs being asked not to refer to certain hospital specialities.

Capacity alerts being placed on eRS.

If you have information you can share either now, or as winter progresses, please email info@lmc.org.uk.