



Londonwide LMCs

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Londonwide LMCs' January 2019 newsletter

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NHS Long Term Plan launched

The NHS's new plan will see all practices joining Primary Care Networks by 2020 and providing online appointments by 2024. £4.5bn of extra funding will go into primary care by 2024.

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GP Partnership Review recommendations

The GP Partnership Review has published its report, backing a greater role for Primary Care Networks in alleviating the pressure on GP partners.

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Premises update

Practices who have received Rent Agreement Letters from NHS Property Services are under no obligation to sign them and are advised to seek legal advice.

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Flu vaccine ordering

At the end of November NHS England wrote to practices asking them to begin ordering currently licensed vaccines. We can help practices with this via the Londonwide LMCs’ Buying Group.

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[End of year pensions guidance](#)

PCSE and NHSBA have produced updated guidance ahead of the financial year end. Documentation needs to be submitted by 28 February.

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Resource of the Month

School requests for doctor's note to administer OTCs

Push back against inappropriate requests with our GPSOE template letter.

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Guidance Updates

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NHS Pension Scheme Overview

Supporting patients to stay healthy in the community

Dr Lisa Harrod-Rothwell, Deputy Chief Executive of Londonwide LMCs, looks at how practices can use sign-posting to community groups to encourage and support patients to fulfil their New Year's resolutions.

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Also this month...

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) update

Further guidance on GDPR has been issued by the Information Commissioner's Office and the Government have clarified they will not be exempting GPs from the obligation to provide free subject access requests.

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Practice manager forum expands membership

We are expanding our Practice Manager Forum to include all general practice managers, business managers, finance managers, operations managers and data quality managers. Please get in touch to join our new network.

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Remember to use BEAM to LMC to highlight the pressure you are under

Our BEAM to LMC mobile app, which enables you to tell us about the pressures you are under from commissioners and others, is proving popular. Make sure you check the app for push notifications.

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Media and public affairs round-up

On 7 January Londonwide LMCs' CEO, Dr Michelle Drage, was quoted in Pulse and GPonline, responding to the announcement of the NHS Long Term Plan. On social media we have been highlighting groups and schemes in London which support people to get healthy, as many try to keep to their New Year's resolutions.

We continue to be very active in promoting the interests of London GPs and practice staff on Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn. If you have an example of general practice doing something well which could make a news story please get in touch. We also support practices that are approached with media requests. You can find details [here](#).

Don't forget to use the Londonwide LMCs' Buying Group flu vaccine offer for 2019/20 to benefit from the discounted deal for practices.

The Buying Group is available to all London practices and gives access to discounts on a wide range of goods and services from Miab, MidMeds, Practice Index and Surgery Connect.

Contact buyinggroup@lmc.org.uk or visit the Londonwide LMCs' Buying Group webpage for further information.

Got a story? Email us at comms@lmc.org.uk. Deadline for next month's submissions is 13 February.

Download your resources from our GP State of Emergency website.

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