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New GP contract launched

In April practices will move onto a five-year contract, with a focus on delivering extra funding via Primary Care Networks (PCNs).

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LMC satisfaction survey

Please tell us how you feel about your LMC by close this Friday, 22 February. Emails with the link to the survey were emailed out on 13 February.

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No-deal Brexit supplies survey results

Thank you to all those who responded to our survey on non-medical supplies and services in the event of a no-deal Brexit. We have been able to fill a gap in the Department of Health and Social Care's understanding.

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Workforce survey results

The headlines from our latest workforce survey are now available. Thank you to all those who responded, the information provided is a valuable tool in our work to represent you.

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[QOF coding issue \(SNOMED\)](#)

Practices need to be aware that following the introduction of the SNOMED-CT coding in 2018/19, NHS Digital's business rules team has been converting and mapping the READ and CTV3 codes into SNOMED. This has proven difficult and complex.

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Resource of the Month

Response to requests to follow up investigations performed in other settings

The NHS Standard Contract is clear that GPs should not be asked to do this work.

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Pensions: what you need to check before the end of March

Pensions advisor, Ian McNicholl shares his top tips on what you need to do to prepare for the end of the financial year. Ian will be speaking at our sold-out pensions event in March.

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Also this month...

North East London GPC elections

The BMA GPC constituency covering Barking and Havering, Redbridge and Waltham Forest, City and East London is up for election. Voting is open for the term covering 2019-20.

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Type 2 opt-outs replaced by the national data opt-out

Type 2 opt-outs have been replaced by the national data opt-out. Practices must no longer use the type 2 opt-out code to record a patient's opt-out choice as it is no longer collected and processed.

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Data Security and Protection Toolkit

The Data Security and Protection Toolkit is an online self-assessment toolkit that must be submitted by 31 March 2019. The toolkit has to be used by all organisations that have access to NHS patient data and clinical systems.

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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 Valentine's Day we used Twitter to highlight the issue of cuts to sexual health services in London. On 6 February we provided media

training to LMC members from Barnet, City and Hackney, Greenwich, and Hammersmith and Fulham. On 28 January Dr Michelle Drage, our CEO, was quoted in Pulse, warning about the impact of cuts to public health budgets.

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 read the latest Londonwide LMCs' Buying Group Newsletter.

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 March.

Download your resources from our GP State of Emergency website.

