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New GP contract guidance

Read our new, short, guides explaining what the new GP Contract means for practices; and looking at the specific steps you need to take.

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Feedback sought on changes to NHS commissioning law

We have submitted initial comments to the Parliamentary Health Committee considering NHS England's proposed changes to the Health and Social Care Act, including the competition rules affecting CCGs, board composition and collaborating with trusts. Please give us your thoughts.

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Londonwide LMCs’ Conference round-up

Our annual conference took place on 12 March, with over 400 people from across London general practice gathering to hear from influential speakers and to learn practical skills.

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New board members

Following elections we would like to welcome Dr Anouska Hari and Dr Naureen Bhatti to the board. We would also like to thank Dr Michal Grenville and Dr Paul O'Reilly for their service.

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[New Information Commissioner's Office advice on Subject Access Requests](#)

The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) has recently released further advice for GPs and practices on patients' rights to access records.

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Resource of the Month

Response to requests for work absence sick notes for less than seven days

Push back against employers' demands for short absence sick notes.

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Improving palliative and end of life care

March is the awareness month for Marie Curie's Daffodil campaign, Dr Catherine Millington-Sanders and Dr Simon Stockill explain how the Daffodil Standards have informed QOF changes and voluntary quality improvement standards.

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Also this month...

Statutory National Data Guardian for Health and Social Care appointed

Dame Fiona Caldicott has been appointed as the first statutory National Data Guardian for Health and Social Care.

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Template locum contract

The BMA GPC and sessional subcommittee have jointly produced model terms of engagement for locum GPs, which they recommend to both practices and locums.

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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

Our Annual Conference took place on 12 March at the Kia Oval, it was covered by six different publications, more details are in our round-up of the day. On 8 March Dr Michelle Drage, our CEO, was quoted in a Pulse piece about GP at Hand's growing patient list. Also on 8 March, Michelle was quoted in GPonline supporting the #BalanceForBetter campaign, as part of International Women's Day and we promoted it on Twitter. 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.

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 LMC's Buying Group webpage for further information.

Got a story? Email us at comms@lmc.org.uk. Deadline for next month's submissions is 10 April.

Download your resources from our GP State of Emergency website.

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