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## Londonwide LMCs' April 2019 Newsletter

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New Primary Care Network updates

NHS England and the BMA have published the long awaited Network Agreement and supporting documents for the Primary Care Network DES in advance of the submission date. We also have new details on indemnity (see below).

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Sessional GP subcommittee nominations close tomorrow

Nominations for the BMA GPC's Sessional GP subcommittee close at 12:00 on Thursday 18 April. It is vital that this important part of the GP workforce is represented by strong voices.

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## Board update

Several key decisions affecting members's honoraria and levy payments were taken at the Londonwide LMCs' Board of Directors meeting in March.

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Scrutiny of NHS spending and plans

Parliamentary Select Committees responsible for health and overseeing Government spending both raise concerns about the NHS Long Term plan.

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UK LMC conference update

The UK LMC conference was held in Belfast on 19-20 March. A full list of the motions proposed and carried is now available.

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Resource of the Month

Department of Work and Pensions appeals guidance

Use our poster and template letter to explain that only basic record summaries are available to patients appealing DWP decisions.

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What state indemnity means for you

Following some confusion around the scope of the new state-backed scheme, we quizzed each of the medical defence organisations on what additional cover they can provide since the launch of the Clinical Negligence Scheme GP (CNSGP).

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Also this month...

Preventing type 2 opt-out codes being recorded in clinical systems

NHS Digital have provided new guidance for practices on the actions required to prevent type 2 opt-out codes being recorded on their clinical systems.

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[Join our Health Care Support Workers Forum](#)

The forum will meet for the first time on 13 June and is open to health care support workers, health care assistants, assistant practitioners and associate practitioners across London.

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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 27 March, Dr Seth Dassanayake, Chair of Hammersmith and Fulham LMC, was quoted in the BMJ, speaking about the impact of cuts to CCG spending on local practices. On 26 March, Dr Michelle Drage, our CEO, and representatives of Tower Hamlets LMC were quoted in GPonline, warning about the dangers of practices giving up GP contracts to join an Integrated Care Provider.

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](mailto: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](mailto:comms@lmc.org.uk). Deadline for next month's submissions is 15 May.

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