



Londonwide LMCs

The professional voice of London general practice

Londonwide LMCsâ€™™ support for Primary Care Network Clinical Directors

The introduction of the PCN DES means significant changes in the way practices deliver some existing services, and the rolling out of a new range of services. Londonwide LMCs is well placed to support PCN Clinical Directors (CDs) in managing and navigating these changes, while continuing to provide the services to all GPs and practices teams which they have come to rely on over the years.

Londonwide LMCs has launched an email listserver to help London PCN CDs to share experiences, challenges and learning in a safe and private environment. If you are not already a member, please email comms@lmc.org.uk to join the group.

We know that the network DES makes provision for commissioners to develop local schemes and add these as agreed supplements to the Network Contract, supported by additional local resources. As these develop, we will offer contractual expertise and can negotiate on your behalf, or advise you, to ensure that any contracts are safe, deliverable, sufficiently funded and do not expose clinicians, practices or PCN to any inappropriate risks. We are also able to help address any concerns or queries that you may have regarding the DES. We have already acted on behalf of many PCNs in boroughs where commissioners have adopted inappropriate local interpretations of the requirements of PCNs or made inappropriate/unresourced demands of Clinical Directors.

Our offer to individuals and practices across London remains unaffected by our work supporting PCNs, including:

Londonwide

Londonwide LMCs is a key strategic delivery partner influencing the capital's health and social care landscape. We raise contractual and strategic issues on behalf of LMCs and GPs across the capital with CCGs, NHS England, STPs, local authorities, the Mayor and London Assembly, Parliament, and bodies such as NHS Digital and the CQC. We ensure that London GPs and their practices have access to the information and support they need.

Locally

We frequently negotiate at borough, STP and pan-London levels to seek agreements that are clinically safe and do not expose clinicians and practices to inappropriate risk.

Individually

We provide support for individual GPs who may be experiencing problems at work through our GP Support team, made up of expert advisors and practising GPs. We also provide training that goes beyond our core work through our London Enterprise Ltd (LEL) subsidiary.