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## Londonwide LMCs' January 2020 Newsletter

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PCN DES services specifications

We received over 700 responses to our recent survey on NHSE's published draft specifications in just one week, with 88% feeding back that they would decrease PCN stability, and 94% saying that they would decrease practice financial stability.

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Workforce survey findings

Thank you for supporting our December workforce survey. We had a great response from 388 people working across 328 GP practices and are now able to share some of the data.

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Flu vaccine ordering

NHSE&I has provided updated guidance on ordering flu vaccine ahead of next winter.

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Have your say on our new website

It is important that you can find the resources and information you need from us, please take 10 minutes to feed into the design of our new website.

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LMC elections

This summer every seat on all our LMCs is up for election. We look forward to welcoming representation from all GPs.

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Resource of the Month

Respond 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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Analysis: what would the PCN DES services specifications mean for you?

Dr Elliott Singer, LMC Medical Director for North East London crunches the numbers on what practices would be expected to do if the PCN DES services specifications were implemented.

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Also this month...

Performers List changes

The new Primary Care Support England online service for submitting Performers List applications and changes is now live and replaces the old paper forms.



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Exciting career development opportunity for practice managers

As part of our Practice Manager Development Project, we have teamed up with the Practice Manager Association to deliver an exciting new accredited e-learning programme, the ILM Excellence in Supporting Healthcare certificate.

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## GPC regional elections

Nominations are open for the GPC seats covering North West and South East London. Dr Michelle Drage is re-standing in North West London and Dr Pamela Martin is stepping down in South East.

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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 17 January Dr Michelle Drage, our Chief Executive, spoke to the NHS Networks podcast. On 16 January, Michelle was quoted in a GPonline article on the decision to call a Special Conference of English LMCs to debate the PCN DES. On 9 January Michelle was quoted in a BMJ article covering how the number of contractual sanctions being issued to GP practices are on the rise.

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](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 12 February.

Download your resources from our GP State of Emergency website.

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