

## Londonwide LMCs' October 2020 Newsletter

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[Updated Flu Guide](#)

Our guide on the complexities of the flu season has been updated to include new information on supplies, eligible cohorts and coding.

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#### Living Guide additions

Our Living Guide has updated sections on essential non Covid-19 health needs, the process concerning the death of a patient and a new accompanying document on staff testing.

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## NHS 111 First

NHS 111 is launching a campaign to encourage people to contact them before going to an emergency department, its aims include directing more patients to access care in other settings.

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## GP Contract changes

Temporary changes to electronic repeat dispensing and increased NHS 111 appointment booking remain in place, as does the suspension of Friends and Family Test reporting.

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Decision making and consent guidance

The GMC has issued expanding guidance on how doctors can meet their obligations around decision making and consent, effective from 9 November.

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Resource of the Month

GP Professional Support Network

Our wholly online service can match you with experienced professionals who can advise on many of the challenges GPs face.

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Campaign: general practice is open

Through October we have been running a social media video campaign to show GP practices are open to patients who need to be seen in person and to encourage more people to seek help for cancer symptoms.

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Also this month...

#### NHS Mail for sessional GPs

Sessional GPs are reminded they can now register for an NHS email account or request to have practice specific NHS branding removed from their NHS mail account if they have changed where they work.

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Health and Social Care Select Committee pandemic report

Parliament's Health and Social Care Select Committee has taken evidence on problems with the primary/secondary care interface, testing, treatment backlogs and cancer diagnosis, among other areas as part of its investigations into pandemic, and post-pandemic care.

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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 7 October Dr Michelle Drage, our CEO, was quoted in the Independent, Telegraph, Metro and numerous other publications, following on from a Pulse story on practice closures which Michelle was also quoted in. On 1 October, Kathryn Yates, our Director of Primary Care Nursing and Workforce, Training and Innovation was quoted in Management in Practice speaking about our General Practice Management Training Programme. 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 Covid-19 supplies update for further information on flu vaccine, PPE and other infection control supplies.

Got a story? Email us at [comms@lmc.org.uk](mailto:comms@lmc.org.uk). Deadline for next month's submissions is 11 November.

Download your resources from our GP State of Emergency website.

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