



Londonwide LMCs

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Londonwide LMCs' May 2021 newsletter

May 2021 Newsletter

NHS England letter on face-to-face consultations

The instruction to provide face-to-face consultations based upon patient preference rather than clinical need has no contractual force.

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Nominate yourself for your LMC by 28 May

Having an independent general practice voice has never been more important, whatever your experience, nominate yourself for your LMC.

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Patient Covid-19 vaccination status proof

Patients can use the NHS app or request a letter without involving their GP.

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Revised data collection regime

GP practices will have a number of separate data collection requirements rolled into a single extraction by NHS Digital, individual patient opt-outs are still valid.

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UK LMC Conference round-up

Last week's conference debated a number of issues, including Covid-19 booster jabs, workload transfer, RCA exams and racism towards staff.

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Resource of the Month

[Londonwide LMCs' election FAQs](#)

Find out about the election process, getting involved and being an LMC member.

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EU settled scheme deadline

International Nurses Day

We celebrated IND 2021 by collecting together personal experiences from general practice nurses and asking others to highlight the contribution of their colleagues throughout the pandemic.

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Also this month...

Weekend e-consults

Practices struggling with high volumes of e-consults submitted over the weekend may switch off their system and signpost to NHS 111 if they feel it is appropriate.

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Department for Health and Social Care regulation consultation

The DHSC is currently consulting on proposals to reform the regulation of healthcare professionals. In general terms there are a number of positive proposals, particularly in relation to the proposed changes to the fitness to practise procedures.

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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 May Dr Michelle Drage, our CEO, had her message to London practices regarding the NHS England face-to-face access letter covered by the HSJ and GPOnline. On 30 April, Dr Lisa Harrod-Rothwell was quoted in a Pulse article on practice closure statistics, which was also widely syndicated via a press release. 21 August is Cycle to Work Day, we are collecting photos of general practice staff out and about on their bikes to highlight the importance of being active, if you would like to send us a photo please do via info@lmc.org.uk.

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 [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. Deadline for next month's submissions is 11 June.
Download your resources from our GP State of Emergency website.

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