

## Londonwide LMCs' February 2022 Newsletter

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Patients can view record entries from 1 April

Data entered into TPP and EMIS from 1 April onwards will be visible in the NHS App. Test results will not be visible to patients prior to GPs discussing them. We are producing guidance on updating clinical records.

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[NHS recovery plan](#)

The NHS's plan to clear the care backlog and manage Covid was published at the start of February, primarily focusing on hospital care.

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Regulators asked to emphasise need for staff vaccination

With mandatory Covid vaccination of care staff shelved, the Health Secretary has asked regulators to take on a role in emphasising their importance to care providers.

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## Free NHS Covid testing ends

From 1 April patients without underlying conditions will be unable to access free Covid tests. Further booster vaccines will be given to older and clinically vulnerable patients.

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Parliamentary activity


Recent announcements include local councillors sitting on integrated care boards, questions on the care backlog and discussions on social prescribing and dementia care.

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Resource of the Month

Template letter re: Covid vaccine exemptions

Direct patients to the correct service to request an exemption certificate.

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NHS pension band changes delayed

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Over-12s eligible for Covid pass

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5-11-year-old Covid vaccination

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Londonwide LMCs' Workforce survey slides

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General practice nurse training programme



Video: how do treatment delays impact patients and general practice?

Our new video explains the impact of treatment delays on practices and is available to use on practice social media channels and websites to help improve patient understanding.

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Mayor's study of patient registrations

The Mayor and Greater London Assembly are looking for practices to help with a study of barriers to registration for patients without ID or proof of address.

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UCLH positive response to reducing inappropriate transfers of activity

UCLH has written to consultants and GPs about the importance of maintaining public confidence in primary care and avoiding unnecessarily passing activity back to general practice.

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Centene judicial review fails

The High Court has rejected all parts of a judicial review challenging North Central London CCG's decision to authorise the transfer of AT Medics' APMS contracts to Operose Health.

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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 18 February Dr Elliott Singer, one of our Medical Directors, was quoted in Pulse regarding the Met Police working with Londonwide LMCs on guidance to reduce GP abuse. On 10 February we provided background to the HSJ on the NHS care backlog. On 1 February a Londonwide guidance update was quoted by GPonline in a story about the u-turn on the mandatory Covid-19 vaccine policy, and on 25 January, by Pulse regarding GP staff resigning ahead of the Covid vaccine mandate. 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](#).

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

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