

Brent LMC News Update

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1. Indemnity - What state indemnity means for you

The Clinical Negligence Scheme General Practice (CNSGP) came into effect on 1 April 2019, meaning NHS Resolution will now settle most negligence claims against GPs undertaking NHS activities. GPs are still advised to have some form of medical indemnity and there has been some confusion about exactly what GPs need medical defence organisation (MDO) cover for, how premiums are being calculated and what happens with historic claims.

We have been keeping track of our constituent GPs' concerns and put three questions to each of the main MDOs. Read their responses here.

https://www.lmc.org.uk/article.php?group_id=21524

Also see the following sources of information:

- LMC update regarding the CNS:
<https://www.lmc.org.uk/visageimages/GP%20Contract%202019/23.04.19%20Indemnity.pdf>
- Further update provided by the three MDOs requested by the LMC:
https://www.lmc.org.uk/article.php?group_id=21524
- GPCNS FAQ page: <https://resolution.nhs.uk/faq-section/clinical-negligence-scheme-for-general-practice/>

2. Primary Care Indicators Dashboard

The new Primary Care Indicators Dashboard was due to be launched on 1 May 2019. However, NHS England have encountered a number of problems relating to formatting and resolving outstanding data issues for some specific indicators so the revised launch date is 31 May 2019. NHS England have said that they will bring this date forward if possible.

In the meantime, NHS England have a contingency plan in place to support practices if they need access to data for any urgent operational needs. The idea is that if there is an urgent need to view data, they will share a cut of most recent indicators for the practice making the request. This includes all general practice indicators (most recent data available) except for specific indicators where issues need to be resolved. NHS England expect that access requests would only be made in highly exceptional circumstances until the new dashboard is launched. Exceptional data access requests can be made to nelcsu.england.primarycareindicators@nhs.net.

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Please see the following link to the latest update on GP premises issues.

https://www.lmc.org.uk/article.php?group_id=21714

It includes the latest on the following issues

- Rent review process
- NHS Property Services letter to tenants
- LMC support with premises Issues
- Occupancy Agreement Letters
- London policy for financial assistance with service charges and premises running costs
- Transitional funding
- Service charges

5. Primary Care networks

The process for setting up primary care networks (PCNs) has now moved on to the approval stage, following last week's deadline for submitting applications. CCGs have until the end of May to inform groups of practices who have had their applications approved and until the end of June to work towards a satisfactory resolution with those practices who have had their initial application rejected.

Local LMCs and Londonwide LMCs have a facilitative, mediating role in helping to resolve any difficulties between practices. If any practice is currently not a member of a proposed PCN and would like support to join a network, please contact us urgently.

We will also support practices who have reason to believe that commissioners have unreasonably withheld approval, and we advise any practices who have had their initial application rejected to contact us for advice. We are also in the process of setting up an email based form for London PCN clinical directors (CDs) to share knowledge, challenges and solutions. If you are a PCN CD and have not yet submitted your details, [please do so via this form](#).

Read the [M Word](#) for the latest update for GPs and practice teams and links to [GP contract guidance](#)

6. BROS

Brent CCG has [written to practices](#) to inform them that the contract with Bexley Health for the Brent Referral Optimisation Service (BROS) will come to an end on the 31st August 2019. All referrals currently being sent to BROS will have to be directly referred to the providers using the e-Referral system (eRS) or via alternative mechanisms if the service is not listed on eRS.

To enable a smooth termination of this service there will be a soft closure of BROS from the 15th July 2019. The CCG expects GP Practices to stop referring to BROS from 15 July 2019. This will give practices an opportunity to start making referrals directly to providers without using BROS.

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