

Bexley LMC News

Chair: Dr Richard Money

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Co-Commissioning Level 2 or 3?

The six South East London CCGs have indicated that they would like to remain at level 2 (joint commissioning with NHSE London) rather than move to level 3 (fully delegated commissioning) at this stage. However, this would be wholly dependent on the views of CCG members and so consultation is currently underway in all areas. Even if CCGs remain at level 2 for now it does not stop CCGs moving to level 3 in the future.

South East London Primary Care Joint Committee

The second meeting of the South East London Primary Care Joint Committee took place on 6 August 2015. The meeting considered a paper on the governance and operating model which outlined what issues would come before the joint committee and how any urgent issues arising in between meetings of the joint committee be considered; a finance report; a quality and performance report and most importantly a paper on the PMS contract review although no detailed information was provided. The next meeting of the South East London Primary Care Joint Committee is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 29 September. The agenda and papers of these meetings can be accessed [here](#).

Londonwide LMCs support to South Sector Federations

On 22 September 2015 the LLMCs South Sector team facilitated a meeting to which all the Federation leads across South London were invited to support their development. The aim of the meeting was for the leads to share experiences to date and share any learning. The meeting was successful and it was agreed that the leads should continue to meet on a quarterly basis and that a list server for the leads be set up for them to discuss issues that arise in between meetings.

Important reminder that Friends and Family Test is a contractual requirement

Practices are reminded that it became a contractual requirement on 1 December 2014 for all GP practices to undertake NHS Friends and Family Tests (FFT) and for practices to submit data to NHS England on a monthly basis by the 12th working day of the month. Please note that if you fail to submit your FFT data for three consecutive months NHSE are threatening to issue breach notices.

PMS Contract Reviews

We are aware that NHSEL are still developing their Londonwide approach to this nationally driven exercise and that robust local borough £s per patient figures are still unavailable. The current LMC position is to ensure that LMC representation is made at any local negotiating group. The LMC understands that NHSEL are currently consulting with CCG about the application of premium funding; but as yet we do not know the outcomes of these discussions.

We will keep you posted as information is received.

Bexley CCG 2015 elections

Barry Christie, Committee Liaison Executive observed the recent election process on 10 September 2015 for the Chair and three locality leads (Clocktower, North Bexley and Froggnal) on behalf of Bexley LMC to ensure the process was fair and transparent.

Our warm congratulations go to Dr Peter Fish, Dr Varun Bhalla, Dr Sid Deshmukh and particularly to Dr Nikki Kanani in being elected as Chair of the CCG.

NHSEL have reported that 39% of practices across South London did not submit any data for June 2015.

Please remember that if even if you have no returns you need to submit this to demonstrate you are engaging in the process. Any returns fewer than 5 will not be counted as this potentially would enable patient identification, however you will have demonstrated engagement.

Please note that practices that have run out of FFT collection cards can request an additional 100 copies by contacting england.londonfft@nhs.net.

Further advice about the FFT requirements can be found [here](#).

Royal College of General Practitioners survey regarding the CQC inspection regime

The Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP) has commissioned the independent research agency Ipsos MORI to conduct a survey with GPs and practice managers of GP practices, into the new Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection regime.

If your GP practice has been inspected by CQC since April 2014, the RCGP **want to understand your attitudes towards and experiences of the new inspection regime**, in order to provide the best possible support to GP practices.

The RCGP would be very grateful if you would spend 10 minutes [completing this important survey](#) which you can access via the link below:

[Take survey](#)

Practice managers are also encouraged to complete the survey.

Ipsos MORI is bound by the Data Protection Act and strictly adheres to the Market Research Society's Code of Conduct. Therefore, please be assured that the survey is being hosted by Ipsos MORI, and all responses to this survey will only be sent to Ipsos MORI for processing and secure storage. Ipsos MORI will only report on aggregated data, although raw anonymised data will also be provided to RCGP for their own analysis, but they will not be able to identify individual responses.

The RCGP would be grateful for any responses by **9am on Monday 5 October 2015**.

If you would like to speak to somebody at RCGP about the research, please contact Holly Jeffers on 02031887526 or email Holly.Jeffers@rcgp.org.uk.

If you have any questions about completing survey, please call Lexi Kong at Ipsos MORI on 0207 347 3170 or email Alex.Kong@ipsos.com.

The LMC looks forward to working with her.

The LMC also wishes to extend its thanks to Dr Howard Stoate for his support to the LMC and practices in Bexley during his tenure as CCG Chair.

Summary of CQC inspections in Bexley

To date 7% of the practices in Bexley have been inspected by the CQC. A breakdown of the results is set out below:

- Outstanding: 0%
- Good: 50%
- Requires Improvement: 50%
- Inadequate: 0%

Fit for work guidance for GPs

The Government's Fit for Work service was launched in December 2014 and is intended to be a patient referral service for GPs. The Government is clear that the introduction of the scheme is aimed at tackling the significant number of days lost to sickness every year. However, as the scheme also aims to help support patients to move back into work sooner, one possible benefit to GPs could be that they will be called on less frequently to issue repeat fit notes. Health Management Limited has been appointed as the supplier to deliver Fit for Work in England. The Department for Work and Pensions has [guidance](#) on the new service aimed at GP, employers and employees.

Bexley's Future Planning Event on 9 September 2015

Bexley LMC members and members of the Londonwide LMCs team which supports Bexley LMC attended and presented at this event. The LMC indicated its support for the development of federations and showcased the work that it had done on behalf of Bexley GPs and practices. This includes ensuring that a number of locally commissioned services were secured for GPs from the local authority and not on an AQP basis; reviewing and improving several data sharing agreements, achieving modifications to the 'Kitemark' resulting in increasing clarity and appropriateness of services for general practice, negotiating modifications to the NHS Health Checks, having an observer role for the CCGs interview and election processes to ensure transparency, managing potentially harmful media coverage of 'over referring GPs' and providing support to individual GPs/practices in relation to contractual issues.

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The next Bexley LMC meeting takes place on Wednesday 11 November 2015.

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