

# Brent LMC News Update

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## **1. Brent LMC All Practice Briefing – 18 November 2015, 13.00 - 15.00, Brent Cross Holiday Inn**

Brent LMC is offering GPs and practice managers the opportunity to attend a free LMC event which will address current developments in commissioning, some of the current challenges and opportunities facing practices, and provide attendees with valuable practical advice on how to prepare for a successful outcome to the new CQC inspection process. .

If you are interested in attending this event please book your place with [marie.vassallo@lmc.org.uk](mailto:marie.vassallo@lmc.org.uk)

## **2. CCG update on mental health services**

Inappropriate referral - If GPs are unsure about whether a potential referral is appropriate, from 03 Nov they can call the 24/7 Single Point of Access to discuss a case with a clinician (0800 0234 650). The service is aimed at high volume adult mental health referrals, initially. If appropriate, the GP can make the referral over the phone or by email.

Inappropriate discharge - If GPs are worried about an inappropriate discharge they must need to deal with the immediate patient safety issues with the mental health provider directly. GPs can also raise their concerns with the CNWL Consultant Psychiatrist Clinical Director for Brent, Dr Anupam Kishore ([anupam.kishore@nhs.net](mailto:anupam.kishore@nhs.net)). Dr Kishore is keen to hear all GPs concerns. He has attended most, if not all GP Locality Meetings, and would be happy to attend at regular intervals or to attend Network Meetings to get direct feedback from GPs.

Improving specialist mental health services - CCG commissioners do not handle patient identifiable information. If GPs are concerned that a mental health service is systematically discharging inappropriately, there is an established Service Alert process. If GPs do not wish to use the service alert process, they can email the CCG Assistant Director leading on mental health, Duncan Ambrose ([Duncan.Ambrose@nhs.net](mailto:Duncan.Ambrose@nhs.net)), being sure not to include patient identifiable information.

Improving primary care mental health support - The CCG will be working with a number of GPs to improve primary care mental health services. Dr Maliha Baig ([maliha.baig@nhs.net](mailto:maliha.baig@nhs.net)) has already started with the CCG working on dementia, and is interested to hear from GPs about what support is needed in primary care. Details of other GPs working on other projects will be circulated as they are agreed.

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### 3. London Sexual Health Transformation Project

Brent is one of 24 London Councils who are collaborating on commissioning of Genito-Urinary Medicine (GUM) and Sexual and Reproductive Health Services (SRH). The front door into services will be web based, a single platform providing patients with information about sexual health, on line triage, signposting to the most appropriate service for their needs and the ability to order self-sampling tests. There **may** be fewer major centres for people with more complex sexual health needs, but the services that are commissioned will be required to be open longer hours and to be linked with a network of integrated one stop shops at local level which will be able to meet many people's needs. They will also work closely with primary care.

The plan is for procurement to take place during 2016 with the new service model being in place from April 2017. In addition to being a partner in the London work, Brent Council is working with Ealing and Harrow to re-commission local sexual health services. The scope of the work is under development and subject to agreement by elected members but it is likely that the new arrangements will have an impact on practices currently providing sexual health services as a result of being on Brent Council's Qualified Provider list. Updates will be published in this newsletter. Practices registered with the London Portal will receive information direct from the Council.

### 4. Primary Care Co-Commissioning – local arrangements

NWL CCGs will be establishing local subcommittees to take forward co-commissioning at borough level. CCGs are currently awaiting a decision from the NWL Joint Committees on what the terms of reference for the subcommittees should contain. Londonwide LMCs is engaging with the NWL Joint Committees and borough based subcommittees to ensure that a GP advisor is present to provide expertise on GP contract and estates issues so that it is able to make safe decisions.

### *Brent Public Health Payments System*

Brent had moved to a new payments system. Public Health has reported that there have been some initial problems which are now being addressed.

However, if practices are aware that they have not been paid for services they were advised to contact the Councils finance service centre on 0208 937 1890

### *PMS Review*

Londonwide LMCs has released a [further update](#) on the PMS review following the recent PMS briefing. Under level 2 co-commissioning arrangements the review will be carried out jointly between the CCG and NHSEL. LLMCs will share any further information with you as soon as it becomes available.

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