

Brent LMC News Update

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1. Brent LMC All Practice Briefing on Provider Network Development

18 February 2016, 13.00 - 15.00

Londonwide LMCs is hosting an all practice briefing for all practices in Brent to explore GP provider federation models which help support sustainable General Practice.

Please hold this date in your diary:

Date: Thursday 18 February

Time: 13.00 – 15.00

Venue: TBC

A sandwich lunch will be provided. Please confirm your attendance and any special dietary requirements to Marie Vassallo by email (marie.vassallo@lmc.org.uk) or by telephone on 0203 818 6257.

2. Update on current developments

Personal Medical Services (PMS) review

PMS practices will have received a letter from NHSE on 21st December informing them of the process and timeframe for the current review. Londonwide LMCs and LMC clinicians are currently in discussion with NHSE in relation to a PMS premium service specification and suite of KPIs. PMS practices are expected to receive from NHSE their baseline financial position with a view to a contract offer in March 2016. Please contact your [sector team](#) / [GP support](#) if you require any further information or support

Primary Care Co-Commissioning – local arrangements

Each CCG had established a Joint co-commissioning subcommittee which include a part 2 meeting to discuss confidential practice issues. Brent LMC is represented at the part 2 co-commissioning meeting in Brent. This is important because decision makers in part 2 meetings would not otherwise have sufficient knowledge to make safe decisions. LLMC had challenged the membership of NWL sub-committees and the voting mechanism.

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To contact the Chair or any committee members please contact the [LLMC office](#).

3. CQC – Appointment of a new partner

When a practice takes on a new partner and NHS England issues a contract variation to add the new partner to the contract, the practice often thinks that the new partnership can start operating as a partnership under the contract. While this would have been sufficient before the introduction of the Health and Social Care Act and the need for practices to register with CQC, it is unfortunately no longer the case unless the practice has also applied for and received written notification from the CQC that the new partnership is registered as a provider with the CQC.

Follow the link to [Londonwide LMCs advice](#) for

- Individual GPs entering into a partnership
- single-handed GP wishing to register a new partnership with the CQC
- existing partnerships wishing to add a new partner to their CQC registration

The guidance includes information for both PMS and GMS practices and advice for all practices on the fit and proper persons regulations.

4. Winter planning resilience guide to help practices

Our [Winter Planning resilience guide](#) will help GPs and their practices create and maintain a business continuity plan.

The guide can be downloaded from our [GP Resilience website](#) that contains a host of template letters for you to use, as well as patient facing posters and resilience guides.

In particular at this time of year you may find the [template letters](#) on [requests for work absence sick notes for less than seven days](#) and [requests for verification for school children sickness absence](#) particularly useful.

NHS GP appraisal – Salaried GPs

Regarding NHS GP appraisal and salaried GPs it is compulsory Under the Performers List regulations for all NHS GPs to participate in NHS GP appraisal. The BMA reports in its [Focus on Salaried GPs](#) that legal advice sought by the BMA noted that time must be set aside during working hours for a salaried GP to prepare for NHS GP appraisal. This further noted that this preparation time was in addition to the protected CPD time of four hours (pro rata) per week. See the full document for further information on appraisal interviews.

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