

# Brent LMC News Update

July 2016

Chair: Dr Prakash Chatlani

LMC Secretary: Dr Tony Grewal

## 1. Voting open for Brent LMC elections 2016 and open meeting report 9 June

We are pleased to report that Brent is one of the six constituencies that will be going to ballot, following the closure of nominations for the LMC elections on Friday 3 June 2016. Voting will be open from Thursday 23 June to Wednesday 13 July 2016. Ballot papers have been posted and should be with you now. You should also have received an email from us with details on how you can [vote online](#). See the [website](#) for details.

### Open meeting – 9 June

Brent LMC held an open meeting for all GPs and PMs on 9 June at the Brent Cross Holiday Inn. Chaired by the LMC Chair Dr Prakash Chatlani, the meeting provided an update on the current challenges facing General Practice; how the GP State of Emergency Campaign is providing support, and key national and local developments, followed by a lively open question and answer session. Access the [presentation materials here](#).

Londonwide LMCs can support practices in their discussions with patients on key issues affecting general Practice. Contact the LMC on [GPResilience@lmc.org.uk](mailto:GPResilience@lmc.org.uk) if you would like anything in hard copy or for a PPG, or if they have suggestions for additional resources.

## 2. Premises updates

- *New Premises Cost Directions* - Publication is expected in September 2016. The new Directions will set out the eligibility for 100% capital reimbursement. It is possible that 100% reimbursement will be on the understanding that CCGs will not pick up additional revenue costs created by the scheme. **GP Practices should bear in mind when bidding for funds that they may only qualify for 66% reimbursement.**
- *New template lease for NHSPS tenants* - A template lease was published in May 2016. This is a starting point and not a 'one size fits all'. **Practices should obtain legal advice on their individual situation and lease.** There is a 'grace period' until November 2017 when stamp duty land tax and legal fees will have capped support.
- *Estates and technology transformation fund (ETTF)* - This replaces the former Primary Care Transformation Fund. CCGs have gathered bids for prioritisation and submission during June. These are larger projects in line with local estates strategies. **See below, no further action needed from practices at this time.**
- *London Improvement Grant Programme* - This will be launched in Summer 2016 for bids for 2017/18.

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### 3. Estates and Technology Transformation Fund (ETTF) 2016/17

The ETTF has been badged as a 4 year programme to support investment in General Practice infrastructure, it was formerly called the Primary Care Transformation Fund (PCTF) and will cease on 31 March 2019. The Fund supports investment in estates, in line with local CCG estates strategies, and includes bids for technology to support patient care, in line with CCG digital roadmaps. Londonwide LMCs is of the opinion that the total London allocation for this fund will be utilised by the remaining 2015/16 bids and the current submitted 2016/17 bids. Londonwide LMCs is concerned that for practices to develop new bids will require a significant investment for the practice with a low likelihood of success. In view of this, Londonwide LMCs would suggest that practices carefully consider the benefit of developing any further projects so that they do not waste precious practice resources. Practices will be aware that any future project needs to align with one or more of the national ETTF criteria and the CCG Local Estates Strategy. Any plans deemed appropriate by the CCG will then be further assessed by NHSE London to prioritise these according to the strategic priority. If practices are considering bidding for further funding, it would be advisable to discuss this informally with the CCG prior to making the considerable investment required to submit a formal bid

### 4. Training opportunities for practice staff

Learning Education and Development (LEAD) events are well received, have a great reputation and are run on a not for profit basis to keep costs to practices to a minimum. Please see the list of upcoming events below:

- Travel Health Update for GPNs 1.00pm to 5.00pm Thursday 30 June 2016
- HR in General Practice Two essential events for GPs and practice managers, Wednesday 13 July 2016.  
[http://www.lmc.org.uk/article.php?group\\_id=15101](http://www.lmc.org.uk/article.php?group_id=15101)
  - HR in General Practice (Recruitment and Selection in General Practice) 9.00am to 12.30pm Wednesday 13 July 2016
  - HR in General Practice (Employment Contracts in General Practice) 1.00pm to 4.30pm Wednesday 13 July 2016

### *Personal Medical Services (PMS) review*

Please find the latest LLMC PMS bulletin [here](#).

### *Brent LMC 'buddy system'*

The LMC buddy system has been introduced to ensure that your voice is heard at LMC meetings and to enhance LMC communications with practices. Your LMC buddy will be available to contact to discuss with you your views on local issues and to bring them to the attention of the committee. Please see the link for details of the scheme and your [LMC Buddy](#).

Following the 2016 elections there will be an update on the LMC buddy system.

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#### Contact us

*Brent Local Medical Committee, Londonwide LMCs, Tavistock House, Tavistock Square LONDON WC1H, 9HX. [www.lmc.org.uk](http://www.lmc.org.uk) The next Brent LMC meeting takes place on 1 September 2016.*

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