

# Brent LMC News Update

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## 1. 2016/17 Contract changes

NHS Employers and the British Medical Association's General Practitioners Committee (GPC) announced changes to the GMS contract in England for 2016/17 on 19 February 2016.

The GPC has negotiated an investment of £220 million into the GP Contract for 2016/17, representing an approximately 3.2% overall uplift, the largest for some years. This includes an absolute 1% increase in contract value, but, additionally, contributions towards the rising costs of medical indemnity, national insurance and superannuation, CQC fees, and utility and other costs. The 1% uplift will be subject to the current 5.34% OOHs deduction, but the monies supporting expenses reimbursements and the retired Dementia DES will not.

Follow this link to the LLMC briefing on the [16/17 contract changes](#).

## 2. Public Health update

### Health Visiting

The responsibility for commissioning the 0-5 element of the Healthy Child Programme transferred from NHSE to Brent Council on 1st October 2015. This was a national move to include Health Visiting and Family Nurse Partnership (FNP) into the Public Health grant which is paid to the Borough Council.

The provider of health visiting services in Brent is London North West Healthcare Trust. They follow the Department of Health 456 model, which consists of 4 levels of service, 5 mandated elements and 6 high impact areas. The aim of the model is for health visitors to work with families and communities to improve access, experience, outcomes and reduce inequalities.

### Public Health Payments system

If practices are aware that they have not been paid for services they are advised to contact the Councils finance service centre on 0208 937 1890.

## 3. 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](#)

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## 4. Update: Appraisal Toolkit

NHS England funding for the use of the Clarity appraisal toolkit has ceased. Although many of you will pay for and continue to use Clarity, we have been asked to remind you that, should you wish, there are alternative toolkits as well as the free downloadable MAG form.

There is no requirement in the regulations to use any particular vehicle for your appraisal, although it may remain convenient to you to use a toolkit with which you, your appraiser and the responsible officers are familiar. We recommend that GPs intending to use an alternative inform their appraisers well before their next appraisal date, and check with any alternative supplier the mechanism for transferring previous appraisal data from Clarity.

NHS England recently wrote to those who have not taken up Clarity: Please note that as an appraisee you will no longer have access to Clarity after the 31 March 2016. If your appraisal is not showing as "Complete" by the 31 March, you will not be able to make any further amendments, including the sign off and hence you will not have a documented completed appraisal for 2016. So please make sure you have given your appraiser time to write up the summary of your appraisal before the 31 March so that you can do the final signoff.

Please also ensure you have downloaded all your appraisal documentation from Clarity before the 31 March. For the second revalidation cycle, your last 5 appraisals will need to be available to your Responsible Officer for a revalidation recommendation to be made to the GMC on your behalf. Please keep your appraisals in a safe and secure place as it is your responsibility to ensure the appraisals are available to the appraisal and revalidation team when needed.

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## *Personal Medical Services (PMS) review*

Discussions are ongoing regarding the PMS review and the London offer. PMS practices should have received information from NHSE on their practice finance including capitated figures. Practices are advised to carefully check the financial information sent to them from NHSE for errors.

## *Care Quality Commission*

Jane Betts, LLMC Director of Primary Care Strategy delivered a presentation on the new CQC inspection process: How to prepare for a successful outcome to GPs and PMs on 18 November and Brent Practice Managers on 22 January. The presentation materials, which includes useful information on how to prepare for a CQC inspection, can be found [here](#).

### [Contact us](#)

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