

Ealing LMC News Update

November/December 2016

Chair: Dr Sidhartha Datta

LMC Secretary: Dr Katie Bramall-Stainer

1. Ealing LMC – your new team

At the LMC elections over the summer, GPs in Ealing elected LMC members to represent them for the next 2 years. A GP co-opted for valuable experience and a Practice Manager and Practice Nurse representative have also been added to the team.

Here are details of your new team:

Dr Mo Alzarrad, Lady Margaret Road Surgery

Dr Ramesh Bhatt, The Grove Medical Centre

Dr Sonali Bose, Yeading Medical Centre

Dr Sid Datta, Churchfield Surgery (Chair of Ealing LMC)

Dr Arim Ismail, Corfton Road Surgery

Dr Adam Jenkins, Mansell Road Practice (Chair of Ealing, Hammersmith & Hounslow LMC)

Dr Mark Mikhail, Chepstow Gardens Medical Centre

Dr Pawn Narhlya, Oldfield Family Practice

Dr Suk Shergill, Hillview Surgery (Vice Chair of Ealing LMC)

Dr Yin, Acton Lane Medical Centre

Kathryn Charles, Practice Manager, The Grove Medical Centre

Julie Belton, Practice Nurse, Cuckoo Lane Surgery

Dr Eleanor Scott, Medical Director, has now left the LMC; she was warmly thanked for her contribution. Dr Katie Bramall-Stainer takes her place.

If you would like to bring any issue of concern to any member of your LMC, or would like to raise a confidential issue in your practice that you would like advice on, contact Esther Bennett on esther.bennett@lmc.org.uk or on 020 3818 6222 / 07464 821256

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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. Look out for information coming shortly on who your new LMC buddy will be.

Passport applications – can a GP sign?

Practices should note that a GP CANNOT sign a patient's passport application. (GPs can countersign passport applications for people they know well. Eg as good friends)

Practice resources are available at www.GPSOE.org.uk to help you through this state of emergency

- Letter templates
- Guidance
- Posters

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2. Staying healthy in today's NHS: masterclass

Reflective Practice Masterclass for GPs: from Mindfulness to Reflection

Date: Thursday 10 November 2016

Time: 12:30pm - 5:00pm

Venue: Tavistock House, Tavistock Sq, London WC1H 9LG

Facing challenges with excessive workload, system changes and expectations from patients and commissioners? Take advantage of this safe space to share concerns, identify needs and develop tools and techniques to move forward.

To book a place contact Marie Vassallo on marie.vassallo@lmc.org.uk

3. Practice concerns – and your LMC

Ealing LMC are following up practice concerns in a number of areas including:

- Community cardiology work assignment – seeking to ensure that work is not passed on to GPs that should be handled by community cardiology nurses
- Incorrectly addressed mail – issue of hospital trusts sending emails to GPs personal email addresses rather than to the practice email address resulting in some communications not being followed up when a GP is on leave. The CCG have agreed to reissue trusts with an up-to-date list of practice email addresses
- X-ray referrals by locums – the LMC has asked the CCG to look at the new over-stringent rules that prevent locum GPs not registered with the practice from directly referring patients for x-rays
- Difficulty in practices accessing information about child patients with a child protection plan

If you have examples in any of these areas please let us know so we have a fuller understanding of the issue we are raising.

Patients and Out of Hours dental issues

The GMS contract does not include dental services, though a GP has a duty to determine whether a patient's problem is medical or dental. For Out of Hours services, Care UK should NOT charge practices for costs of out of hours dental consultations; these should be covered by the dental contract. Any instances of a particular dentist or group of dentists failing to provide a service to patients should be taken up with the local dentist association.

Pathology tests – with no note!

The LMC has received one or two reports from practices receiving pathology tests which have no accompanying clinical note. We are following this up with the CCG. If this has happened at your own practice let us know (removing patient identifiable information from the example) – the CCG need examples in order to follow up the issue. Send examples to esther.bennett@lmc.org.uk

Contact us

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The next meeting of Ealing, Hammersmith & Hounslow LMC takes place on **2 Nov 2016**
Ealing LMC is a sub-committee of Ealing, Hammersmith & Hounslow LMC.

Ealing LMC Team

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