

# Ealing LMC News Update

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## 1. PMS contract review update

LMCs and Londonwide LMCs have been working extremely hard in a difficult NHS financial environment, applying the following principles to the PMS “Premium” proposals put forward by your CCG:

- Monies must remain within PMS and GMS practice contracts and not lost to “the system”
- Service Specifications and KPIs for redistributed PMS premium monies must be “within the gift of practices to achieve”
- General Practice must not be destabilised by the workload or financial bottom lines.

The PMS review process includes the following agreed steps:

1. Local engagement with practices and the LMC from which a plan for the use of redistributed PMS premium monies would be included in commissioning intentions.
2. Joint Assurance of those plans in accordance with agreed criteria including as above.
3. A 2-week period for Londonwide to review the contracts for PMS core and premium services – the latter being LCSs for GMS practices - are safe for practices and continue to meet the criteria
4. A 3-month period for PMS practices to consider the contract offer.

Currently the progress of all NWL CCGs’ PMS proposals towards the next stage in the PMS review process is subject to NHSE / LLMC assurance.

## 2. The ‘Ealing Standard’

The ‘Ealing Standard’, known as the wraparound contract, includes all Out of Hospital services and LISs. It is currently being discussed with the LMC. This new contract model is proposed to be launched in April 2018 and follows the decommissioning of Out of Hospital services.

## 3. When will CQC inspect my practice again?

Following the initial round of inspections, the CQC have indicated that the frequency of future inspections will be linked to the ratings received at their previous visit.

Previous overall rating	Max interval before next inspection
Inadequate	Six months
Requires improvement	12 months
Good or outstanding	Five years

However, a range of factors contribute to the decision on when to re-inspect. Some practices rated good or outstanding have reported having a further CQC inspection within a year. Advice to practices is to be prepared for a CQC visit at all times.

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## 4. Healthwatch visits

Ealing Healthwatch was relaunched under a new provider in April. Practices should be aware that some visits are optional.

Enter and View visits are part of Healthwatch's formal inspection process; they have statutory authority to make these. Patient Experience visits are optional. These are undertaken to collect data directly from patients, subject to agreement with the practice.

Healthwatch policy is to notify practices of Enter and View visits ahead of their visit, unless in exceptional circumstances.

## 5. Hospital or GP: who is responsible for what?

At least on paper, boundaries as to who does what – hospital or GP – were made clear in the NHS Standard Contract for England, released in April 2016 and updated this year. Now it is time for practices to know these boundaries and to push back on inappropriate requests. [BMA templates](#) will help you do this.

You may find the summaries of responsibilities below useful to share with hospital colleagues:

- [Key messages for hospital doctors](#) – Imperial College
- [2017-19 NHS Standard Contract and General Practice](#)
- [Key messages for NHS clinicians and managers](#) NHSE July 2017

## 6. Single Point of Access for mental health patients – how well is it working?

The LMC has been actively following up practice concerns regarding the operation of the West London Mental Health Trust's Single Point of Access, and will be meeting the Trust shortly to discuss these. Please let us know your experiences with this service so we can follow this up on your behalf.

## *Firearms licensing: Police requests for medical reports*

The police are required to ask GPs for a medical report on an applicant applying for a firearms license. The BMA advises practices to respond to the initial police letter within 21 days, and charge the applicant a fee. Full BMA guidance is available on their [website](#).

## *Improving communications with secondary care*

Jaudan Izzo has recently been appointed as GP Liaison Manager for Chelsea and Westminster Foundation Trust. He is visiting the LMC shortly. If you have questions you would like the LMC to ask Jaudan please send them to us, or contact him directly with specific issues on his [secure email address](#).

## *Child Protection Plans*

Ealing Local Authority has agreed to the LMC request to provide a regular list to practices of children with a current child protection plan in place. From November Ealing practices will receive a regular update so they can ensure the care and protection of child patients.

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*The next meeting of Ealing, Hammersmith & Hounslow LMC takes place on **10 January***

*The next Ealing LMC Liaison meeting with the CCG is on **3 January 2018***

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