

Ealing LMC News Update

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1. Londonwide LMCs' Annual Conference

'All Together Now'

You are invited to Londonwide LMCs' Annual Day Conference. This year the focus is on collaboration at different levels:

- The general practice team
- The health system
- Digital developments in primary care
- Commissioners and partners in localities
- Dealing with challenges – transformation of general practice

Date: Tuesday 12 March

Time: 8:00 am – 4.30 pm (registration from 9 am)

Venue: The Kia Oval, Kennington Oval, London SE11 5SS

Cost: FREE

For more information, and to book online, visit the Londonwide LMCs' [website](#).

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

2. Data Security & Protection Toolkit (DSPT)

DSPT will enable practices to conform with the new information governance standard to measure your practice compliance against GDPR. **Your practice is required to complete this by the end of March.** Some data fields will be completed by the CCG. The answer to others you will find in your GDPR return.

<https://www.dsptoolkit.nhs.uk/Account/Login>

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To charge or not to charge?

Local Authority requests for child safeguarding reports or for GPs to attend child safeguarding case conferences are part of a GP's statutory safeguarding duties. These requests should always be complied with.

This work, however, is not included within the practice contract. Practices are entitled to charge a fee for providing these services.

Check out the [BMA's fee finder](#) and their [guidance on hourly rates](#)

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3. Keeping the GP voice heard at NW London level

Recent changes are moving towards more centralised or at-scale working

- Ealing CCG has agreed changes to its constitution to harmonise with other NW London CCGs. This gives the combined NW London CCGs more clout to negotiate with the big acute trusts.
- Outpatients Department (OPD) Transformation programme. From 2 January, when the programme had its 'soft' launch, specialist clinicians in the acute Trusts are triaging referrals using NW London pathways for five specialties (Cardiology, Dermatology, Gastroenterology, Gynaecology and MSK).
- A new GP Contract agreement, published on 31 January, lays the groundwork for practices to work in networks covering population groups of 30 – 50,000. A Network DES will enable this.

More than ever individual practices need to be confident that they will not lose their voice. The LMC continues to support practices at all levels, taking up individual practice concerns, supporting the development of at-scale working, and representing you at NW London level. To this end NW London LMC Chairs and Vice Chairs have formed a Strategic Leadership Network (SLN) to interface with the NWL Health and Care Partnership (HCP) as it develops.

4. Certification of death – when to involve the Coroner

To issue a death certificate without reference to the Coroner the deceased must be seen within 14 days before death and be seen after death. Statutory guidance from the Coroner states -

In general practice, more than one GP may have been involved in the patient's care and so be able to certify the death. If no doctor who cared for the patient can be found, the death must be referred to the coroner to investigate and certify the cause.

If the attending doctor has not seen the patient within the 14 days preceding death, and has not seen the body after death either, the registrar is obliged to refer the death to the coroner before it can be registered. In these circumstances, the coroner may instruct the registrar to accept the attending doctor's MCCD for registration, despite the prolonged interval. In contrast, a doctor who has not been directly involved in the patient's care at any time during the illness from which they died cannot certify under current legislation, but he should provide the coroner with any information that may help to determine the cause of death. The coroner may then provide this information to the registrar of deaths. It will be used for mortality statistics, but the death will be legally "uncertified" if the coroner does not investigate through an autopsy, an inquest, or both.

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The next meeting of Ealing, Hammersmith & Hounslow LMC is on 13 March 2019

The next Ealing LMC Liaison meeting with the CCG is on **6 March 2019**

Ealing LMC is a sub-committee of Ealing, Hammersmith & Hounslow LMC.

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