

Greenwich LMC News

Chair: Dr Dermot Kenny

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Co-Commissioning Level 2 or 3?

The six South East London CCGs have indicated that they would like to remain at level 2 (joint commissioning with NHSE London) rather than move to level 3 (fully delegated commissioning) at this stage. However, this would be wholly dependent on the views of CCG members and so consultation is currently underway in all areas. Even if CCGs remain at level 2 for now it does not stop CCGs moving to level 3 in the future.

South East London Primary Care Joint Committee

The second meeting of the South East London Primary Care Joint Committee took place on 6 August 2015. The meeting considered a paper on the governance and operating model which outlined what issues would come before the joint committee and how any urgent issues arising in between meetings of the joint committee be considered; a finance report; a quality and performance report and most importantly a paper on the PMS contract review although no detailed information was provided. The next meeting of the South East London Primary Care Joint Committee is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 29 September.

The agenda and papers of these meetings can be accessed [here](#).

Londonwide LMCs support to South Sector Federations

On 22 September 2015 the LLMCs South Sector team facilitated a meeting to which all the Federation leads across South London were invited to support their development. The aim of the meeting was for the leads to share experiences to date and share any learning. The meeting was successful and it was agreed that the leads should continue to meet on a quarterly basis and that a list server for the leads be set up for them to discuss issues that arise in between meetings.

Important reminder that Friends and Family Test is a contractual requirement

Practices are reminded that it became a contractual requirement on 1 December 2014 for all GP practices to undertake NHS Friends and Family Tests (FFT) and for practices to submit data to NHS England on a monthly basis by the 12th working day of the month. Please note that if you fail to submit your FFT data for three consecutive months NHSE are threatening to issue breach notices.

PMS Contract Reviews

We are aware that NHSEL are still developing their Londonwide approach to this nationally driven exercise and that robust local borough £s per patient figures are still unavailable. The current LMC position is to ensure that LMC representation is made at any local negotiating group. The LMC understands that NHSEL are currently consulting with CCG about the application of premium funding; but as yet we do not know the outcomes of these discussions. We will keep you posted as information is received.

Medicines Management 2015-16

The LMC will be expressing thanks to the CCG for listening to the concerns of GPs and practices regarding the initial audit requirements of the Medicines Management scheme which were onerous but which have now been reduced to make them more manageable and achievable. We welcome this positive engagement with the CCG and will continue to work closely with them on other matters.

NHSEL have reported that 39% of practices across South London did not submit any data for June 2015.

Please remember that if even if you have no returns you need to submit this to demonstrate you are engaging in the process. Any returns fewer than 5 will not be counted as this potentially would enable patient identification, however you will have demonstrated engagement.

Please note that practices that have run out of FFT collection cards can request an additional 100 copies by contacting england.londonfft@nhs.net.

Further advice about the FFT requirements can be found [here](#).

Meeting with Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust

LMC members will be meeting with Dr Peter Luce and colleagues from the Trust next month to discuss the interface between Greenwich practices and the Trust.

The types of issues which will be discussed include:

- Accuracy and content of A&E discharge letters
- Patients receiving appointments at very short notice
- GP referral letters not being received
- Requests for GPs to chase up results of tests ordered by secondary care
- Patients coming straight from outpatients to GPs requesting an urgent prescription
- Prescribing outside of GP guidelines

If you have any examples of the above it would be helpful if you would forward them (non-identifiable) to Barry.Christie@lmc.org.uk before 16 October 2016. If there are any other additional issues which you wish the LMC to raise on your behalf please let Barry know.

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The next Greenwich LMC meeting takes place on Friday 20 November 2015.

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