

Greenwich LMC News Update – February 2018

1. Message from the LMC Chair – Dr Tuan Tran

I am full of admiration for the high level of care and quality service provided by practices on a daily basis, despite the huge pressure they are under. I am aware that many of you are going to extraordinary lengths and make personal sacrifices to put patient care first. Please be assured that the LMC is doing everything it can to ensure that the CCG and other commissioners are aware that general practice in Greenwich is at breaking point. Below are examples of where the LMC has worked hard to support practices

- providing assurance on the Greenwich PMS contract offer;
- scrutinizing Greenwich CCG proposals for GP Forward View expenditure;
- ensuring that the Royal Borough of Greenwich understands the potential impact on general practices of its plans for the re-commissioning of public health services
- working with the Medicines Management Team on its QIPP plan;
- assessing the local impact of the Our Healthier South East London Sustainability and Transformation Programme.
- developing collaborative working with Greenwich Health Ltd to best serve the interest of general practice in Greenwich.

LMC representation is more important than ever, so please help us by keeping your contact details up-to-date and sharing our newsletter widely within your practice, particularly sessional and salaried doctors.

2. Creating a South East London-wide care record

In South East London work is ongoing to link-up the Local Care Record and the Connect Care information sharing portals to further support collaborative working and quality of care. Dr Emma Rowley-Conwy, a member of Lambeth LMC, has agreed to represent the six South East London LMCs on the Information Governance Group which has been set up to progress this work. Further information can be accessed document [HERE](#). If you have any concerns or queries, please contact: Dr Emma Rowley-Conwy: emma.rowley-conwy@nhs.net.

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If you would like to raise any issues with the LMC or confidential matters concerning your practice and/or wish to observe an LMC meeting, please contact Barry Christie at Barry.Christie@lmc.org.uk or telephone 020 3818 6256

3. Greenwich Public Health (GPH): re-commissioning LARC/implants, smoking cessation & NHS health check services

LMC members have expressed strong concerns, by letter and at a recent liaison meeting, about GPH's proposal to re-commission the above services as discussed at the borough-wide consultation meeting held on 16 January. The letter highlighted the potential risks of de-stabilising some practices who have previously provided higher volumes of activity, and the risk of de-skilling clinicians if an inappropriate delivery model is not in place. Greenwich Health Limited (GHL) are currently talking to the 4 LLPs and their practices, to construct a business plan. The LMC would urge practices to engage in this process through their LLP Chairs.

As an aside, the LMC would like to remind practices currently fitting LARCs under the Public Health Contract to only claim for *the device and fittings for contraception only*. *Women presenting with menorrhagia should not be claimed under this contract, but by an FP10*. We would advise, therefore, that practices double check their coding and claims. Public Health will be undertaking an audit to check the indications for which LARC services are being delivered.

For GP State of Emergency resources for practices, visit: www.GPSOE.org.uk

Local authority reports and letters reimbursement under collaborative arrangements. Latest information from Londonwide LMCs – [SEE HERE](#)

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The next Greenwich LMC meeting takes place on 23 March 2018

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