

Harrow LMC News Update

September 2015

Chair: Dr Fergus McCloghry

LMC Secretary: Dr Eleanor Scott

1. Harrow LMC Open Meeting – 14 October 2014

Harrow LMC will be holding a briefing meeting 14 October, 18.00 – 20.00, at the Cumberland hotel to look at operational issues including Federations, CQC and premises.

This meeting follows the previous open meeting held on Tuesday 7 July. The meeting was facilitated by LMC secretary Dr Eleanor Scott and featured a [presentation by GPC Chair Dr Chaand Nagpaul](#) on how GPs and practices can manage workload to ensure quality and safety. A number of actions were agreed for Harrow LMC and practices to take forward to address the issues identified at the meeting. Click [here](#) to read the report.

2. Harrow - Lithium Clinic

Harrow LMC is aware that practices have received communications from Northwick Park, Mental Health Pharmacy Department informing them that the lithium clinic is closing and asking them to take on the responsibility of prescribing and arranging blood tests for your patient.

You are advised that practices are not required to do this work and you should consider patient safety issues, the medico-legal consequences and the effect it might have on your Medical defence premiums before agreeing to take responsibility for patients under this arrangement. Please visit the LLMC GP resilience website for letter templates to be used to flag up [inappropriate workload transfers](#) to your CCG.

3. Misdirected Mail

As previously reported the new PCS service currently out to tender will not include the handling of mail incorrectly sent by secondary and tertiary providers to the wrong GP provider. Practices are therefore required to return incorrectly addressed correspondence to the provider rather than the PCS. LLMC has written to hospital trusts requesting that they provide assurance that appropriate processes are in place. As part of our [GP Resilience campaign](#), we have also made available several useful templates for practices to use in order to save time when responding to frequent requests. The latest of these templates is designed to assist practices in [dealing with mis-directed mail](#). It can be downloaded from our [GP Resilience website](#).

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Harrow LMC members can be contacted via the [LLMC office](#).

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4. PMS review

A PMS review is underway. Practices should be working with their accountants to start predicting the effect of losing the PMS+ payment and how they would continue to be viable if their core contract value was equivalent to GMS practices. Check out the LLMC GP resilience guides for information on current and potential funding streams for income, expenditure and workforce. <http://www.gpresilience.org.uk/#about-us>

Londonwide LMCs held a briefing meeting about the Review for PMS practices on 2 July. If you were not able to attend you can see the presentation [HERE](#). PMS practices, check you are keeping in touch with Londonwide updates on the Review on nw_london_pms_review@lists.lmc.org.uk

5. Dr Chaand Nagpaul awarded a CBE

Dr Chaand Nagpaul, Harrow LMC Vice Chair received a CBE in the Queen's Birthday Honour's list for his services to primary care. Congratulations from Harrow LMC and all at Londonwide LMCs.

6. Harrow LMC 'Buddy Working'

As you know from previous news updates, your local Harrow LMC members have agreed to implement a [LMC buddy system](#) to strengthen relationships and communication with local GPs and practices. Your LMC buddy will provide a direct link and ensure two way communications between you/your practice and the LMC.

See also our [webpage](#) which includes details of your LMC, LMC meeting dates and the latest news updates. We will keep this page updated.

We hope that this initiative will significantly enhance local representation and help GPs, practices and LMCs work together to meet future challenges. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Premises Funding

LLMC had been given assurance that further rounds of the Primary Care Infrastructure Fund will be better managed and there would be a more strategic approach with more CCG involvement. If you have ideas or plans about improvement of your premises, but have not yet obtained costings, applied for planning permission etc, you are advised to start working up your bid now, for consideration in 2016/17 The deadline for Improvement Grant Applications needing planning permission is 28 September 2015

Locally Commissioned Services

Practices are advised to consider all the resource and commercial issues when considering whether to sign up to deliver a service. The resource and cost implications for doing the work need to be calculated and factored in before a decision is made.

Next Harrow LMC meeting

The next Harrow LMC meeting will take place on 7 September 2015.

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