

Harrow LMC News Update

July 2016

Chair: Dr Fergus McCloghry

LMC Secretary: Dr Eleanor Scott

1. Harrow LMC open meeting report, the challenges facing General Practice – 13 June

Harrow LMC held an open meeting for all GPs and PMs on 13 June at the Stanmore Golf Club to update constituents on the challenges facing General Practice, how the GP State of Emergency Campaign is providing support, and key national and local developments.

This was followed by an open session Chaired by Harrow LMC Chair Dr Fergus McCloghry, and including Vice Chair Dr Chaand Nagpaul and LLMC Assistant Director Lesley Williams, on how the LMC can support local GPs and practices and agree next steps. There was a lively discussion on the key issues and the support and resources provided by the LMC and LLMC.

Please find a report of the meeting [here](#) and follow the link to the presentation materials used [here](#).

Londonwide LMCs can also provide support for practices to discuss these issues with patients, raise awareness and gain support at PPG meetings. **GP practices should contact the LMC on GPResilience@lmc.org.uk if they would like anything in hard copy or for a PPG, or if they have suggestions for additional resources needed.**

2. Training opportunities for practice staff

Londonwide Enterprise Ltd (LEL) was set up to provide affordable, high quality training and educational events for practice teams. The Learning Education and Development (LEAD) events that LEL run are well received, have a great reputation and are run on a not for profit basis to keep costs to practices to a minimum. Please see the list of upcoming events:

- Travel Health Update for GPNs 1.00pm to 5.00pm Thursday 30 June 2016
- HR in General Practice Two essential events for GPs and practice managers, Wednesday 13 July 2016.
http://www.lmc.org.uk/article.php?group_id=15101
 - HR in General Practice (Recruitment and Selection in General Practice) 9.00am to 12.30pm Wednesday 13 July 2016
 - HR in General Practice (Employment Contracts in General Practice) 1.00pm to 4.30pm Wednesday 13 July 2016

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

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3. Estates and Technology Transformation Fund (ETTF) 2016/17

The ETTF has been badged as a 4 year programme to support investment in General Practice infrastructure, it was formerly called the Primary Care Transformation Fund (PCTF) and will cease on 31 March 2019. The Fund supports investment in estates, in line with local CCG estates strategies, and includes bids for technology to support patient care, in line with CCG digital roadmaps.

Londonwide LMCs is of the opinion that the total London allocation for this fund will be utilised by the remaining 2015/16 bids and the current submitted 2016/17 bids. Londonwide LMCs is concerned that for practices to develop new bids will require a significant investment for the practice with a low likelihood of success. In view of this, Londonwide LMCs would suggest that practices carefully consider the benefit of developing any further projects so that they do not waste precious practice resources. Practices will be aware that any future project needs to align with one or more of the national ETTF criteria and the CCG Local Estates Strategy. Any plans deemed appropriate by the CCG will then be further assessed by NHSE London to prioritise these according to the strategic priority.

If practices are considering bidding for further funding, it would be advisable to discuss this informally with the CCG prior to making the considerable investment required to submit a formal bid.

4. NHS Standard Hospital Contract Changes

Effective from April 2016, the NHS Standard Hospital Contract has been amended to stop hospitals sending patients who've missed appointments back to their GP. Asking GPs to re-refer to a related specialty will cease, and there'll be an end to asking GPs to chase up hospital results, with responsibility falling upon the requesting clinician.

GPs should notify their CCG in the event that the contract is not being followed. Hospitals are required to publish local access policies and evidence of having taken account of GP feedback when considering service redevelopment and design.

NWL LMCs will assist CCGs with the monitoring of these new arrangements to ensure that the new requirements of the NHS Standard Hospital Contract are complied with and that the GP feedback has been fully taken into account through regular LMC/CCG engagement and liaison meetings.

Contact us

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Personal Medical Services (PMS) review

Please find the latest LLMC PMS bulletin [here](#).

LMC buddy working

Your LMC buddy is an LMC member who provides a direct link and ensures two way communications between you/your practice and the LMC. Your LMC buddy is available to you/your practice by phone, email and in person when attending local meetings. This means that your views are more effectively represented and your practice is better informed of local developments and the LMC's position on local and national issues. The LMC members buddy list and factsheet will be updated and available on the website following the elections.

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