

Harrow LMC News Update

March 2015

Chair: Dr Fergus McCloghry

LMC Secretary: Dr Eleanor Scott

1. NHS Health Checks (Harrow)

Harrow and Barnet Joint Public Health Commissioner notified practices, by letter dated 8 December 2015, that NHS Health Checks activity in Harrow would need to cease until further notice, as a result of in-year cuts to the Public Health Grant. It has been brought to the commissioner's attention that a number of practices had already sent out invitations to their patients prior to receiving this letter and are concerned that they may incur costs that will not be re-reimbursed.

If your practice can evidence that you sent out invitations for NHS Health Checks prior to the 8 December 2015 and have undertaken before the end of March 2016, Public Health will pay for all checks that qualify. Please contact Denise Mortimer at PublicHealth@harrow.gov.uk for further details.

2. Personal Medical Services (PMS) review

Discussions are ongoing regarding the PMS review and the London offer. PMS practices should have received information from NHSE on their practice finance including capitated figures. Practices are advised to carefully check the financial information sent to them from NHSE for errors.

3. An essential workshop for GPs who own or co-own their premises

This workshop is specifically aimed at GPs who are sole or joint owners of their own premises or are landlords. Led by Lynne Abbess, Bryn Morgan and Puja Solanki of Hempsons Solicitors, this workshop will tell attendees what they need to know if they own, hope to own, or wish to no longer own their practice premises. Book your place [here](#).

4. 2016/17 Contract changes

NHS Employers and the British Medical Association's General Practitioners Committee (GPC) announced changes to the GMS contract in England for 2016/17 on 19 February 2016.

The GPC has negotiated an investment of £220 million into the GP Contract for 2016/17, representing an approximately 3.2% overall uplift, the largest for some years. This includes an absolute 1% increase in contract value, but, additionally, contributions towards the rising costs of medical indemnity, national insurance and superannuation, CQC fees, and utility and other costs. The 1% uplift will be subject to the current 5.34% OOHs deduction, but the monies supporting expenses reimbursements and the retired Dementia DES will not.

Follow this link to the LLMC briefing on the [16/17 contract changes](#).

Contents

1. Health Checks
2. PMS review
3. Premises workshop
4. 2016/2017 contract changes
5. Apprenticeships
6. Appraisal update

Harrow LMC members

Dr Lukshmy Jeyalingam
Dr Mark Levy
Dr Chaand Nagpaul
Dr Azeem Nizamuddin
Dr Goverdhan Palreddy
Dr Fergus McCloghry
Dr Nizar Merali
Dr Noreen Ryan
Dr Amit Shah
Dr Meenakshi Thakur
Dr Bhavagaya Bakshi
Kiron Pawa
Omer Hussein (Practice manager observers)

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

[LMC latest news](#)

[GPC news](#)

5. Primary Care Apprenticeships

Londonwide LMCs and Health Education NWL are currently working with Training Providers who can deliver apprenticeships in the following fields:

- Business and Administration
- Management
- Customer Service
- Clinical Healthcare Support Worker

A programme will normally take between 12 – 18 months and consists of on the job training, skills assessments and off the job learning. As the employer practices would be required to make a commitment of a minimum salary, an in-house mentor and access to training.

Recognising the diversity of the health workforce, Health Education England North West London have made funding available to support all of the training costs for either new or existing staff, regardless of age - normally you would have to make a contribution to the training costs for those over 18.

Unfortunately this money is only available during the current financial year, so to take advantage of it you will need to commit to taking an apprentice, or placing a suitable existing member of staff on an apprenticeship programme, before the end of March. For further information please email Stran-Jay.Schloss@lmc.org.uk.

For the full Apprenticeship Factsheet please click on the link: [Full LMC Apprenticeship Factsheet](#)

6. Londonwide resilience guides

The gpresilience.org.uk website contains a developing bank of information and resources relating to Londonwide LMCs' GP Resilience – Take Control initiative. The website also includes links to letter templates were produced by the BMA and are designed to save you time when responding to frequent requests. For example:

- Response to secondary care work transfer
- Letter for request to complete non-contractual administrative task
- Letter to hospital provider regarding discharge of patients after missed appointment
- Letter to CCG regarding inappropriate workload transfer

Contact us

Harrow Local Medical Committee, Londonwide LMCs, Tavistock House, Tavistock Square LONDON WC1H, 9HX. Tel: 0207 387 2034 Fax: 0207 383 7442, www.lmc.org.uk The next Harrow LMC meeting takes place on **18 April 2016**

Harrow LMC Team

[Dr Fergus McCloghry](#) - Harrow LMC Chair

[Dr Eleanor Scott](#) - LMC Secretary

[Jane Betts](#) - Director of Primary Care Strategy

[Lesley Williams](#) - Assistant Director of Primary Care Strategy

[James Winstanley](#) - Committee Liaison Executive

[Katherine Buchanan](#) - Communications and PR Officer (Media enquiries)

[GP Support](#) – For advice and support

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 is [available here](#).

CQC

Jane Betts, LLMC Director of Primary Care Strategy delivered a presentation on the new CQC inspection process: How to prepare for a successful outcome to GPs and PMs to all boroughs in NWL. The presentation materials, which include useful information on how to prepare for a CQC inspection, can be found [here](#).