

Harrow LMC News Update

November 2016

Chair: Dr Fergus McCloghry

LMC Secretary: Dr Eleanor Scott

1. Harrow LMC inaugural meeting – 2016/2017

Harrow LMC met on 17 October to discuss new ways of working, local LMC priorities and to elect its Chair and Vice Chair. Dr Fergus McCloghry was elected Chair and Dr Noreen Ryan and Dr Chaand Nagpaul were elected Joint Vice Chair. The Committee welcomed new member Dr Ali Dhankot,

The committee addressed key strategic developments in Harrow and NWL including NWL CCGs proposal to move to delegated commissioning and the Sustainability and Transformation Plan. Members also considered the councils plans to stop the smoking cessation service in Harrow. Members expressed concerns regarding the impact on GPs and the health outcomes of Harrow residents. A formal response from the committee has been sent to the Council.

Members also considered how to enhance its engagement with constituents and key stakeholders. Members agreed to refresh the committee's priority areas and assign responsibility to individual members. The LMC will also relaunch its buddy system which allocates a group of practices to each member who then takes responsibility ensuring two way communication between practices and the committee.

The Committee looks forward to engaging with GPs and practice teams in Harrow and representing your interests over the upcoming year.

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:

- Reflective Practice Masterclass for GPs: From Mindfulness to Reflection 12.30pm to 5.00pm Thursday 10 November 2016
- Effective Medical Chaperoning in General Practice 9.00am to 1.00pm Thursday 17 November
- Business Health Check - Is your practice as productive as it could be? 9.00am to 4.30pm Thursday 24 November 2016

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Harrow LMC members

Dr Mark Levy
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Dr Azeem Nizamuddin
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Dr Nizar Merali
Dr Noreen Ryan (Vice Chair)
Dr Amit Shah
Dr Meenakshi Thakur
Dr Ali Dhankot

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

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3. New Patient Online toolkit for GP practices

The Patient Online (POL) programme has released a [toolkit to help GP practices promote online services to patients](#), specifically ordering repeat prescriptions, booking appointments and viewing medical records. The toolkit consist of templates for web copy, press releases, social media and newsletters as well as instructions on how to order the new range of promotional materials. POL say the materials have been tested with patients across the country.

A version of the toolkit for [CCGs, CSUs and other NHS organisations](#) is also available. Any queries on either version can be sent to england.patient-online@nhs.net.

4. Strategic issues and resources update

Current developments

- Delegated commissioning – Paper on progression to delegated commissioning submitted to the [6 October NWL Joint Co-Commissioning committee](#). LLMC wrote to all practices on this in [October](#). Look out for further LLMC communications on this issue.
- Sustainability and Transformation Plans - Read the latest LLMC update on the London STPs [here](#)

Current strategic documents

- [NWL Sustainability and Transformation Plan](#)
- [GP Forward View](#) - The General Practice Forward View, published by NHSE in April 2016, sets out a plan, to stabilise and transform general practice.

Resources

[LLMC GP State of emergency and resilience resources](#) - including templates, resilience guides and posters.

[BMA Standard Hospital Contract Guidance](#) - templates to provide practices and LMCs with resources to hold both CCGs and hospital trusts to account to implement contractual changes. Includes templates which can be imported into Emis Web or SystemOne

New Patient Online toolkit for GP practices - The [toolkit to help GP practices promote online services to patients](#), helps GPs promote online services for specifically ordering repeat prescriptions, booking appointments and viewing medical records.

New LLMC Practice mergers guidance

This guidance is to make GPs and their practices aware of what needs to be taken into account when considering a merger with another practice (or practices).

It is a summary of some basic issues that practices need to be aware of and address in their exploratory discussions with the other practice(s).

Access it [here](#).

Visit
www.GPSOE.org.uk to help you through this state of emergency

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