

Hillingdon LMC News Update

October 2015

Chair: Dr Mitch Garsin

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1. OUT OF HOURS PROVISION: ALL-PRACTICE MEETING

14 October 2015: 1.00 – 2.30 pm (lunch from 12.30 pm)

Venue – Newton Room, Brunel University UB8 3PH

At practices' request, Hillingdon LMC will be facilitating another meeting to discuss Out of Hours issues.

Specifically practices asked the LMC to gather more information on what currently happens in other North West London areas so that they could have a further meeting to discuss what they wanted to do. Information on this and the options available will be circulated shortly. Practices will need to make their own decision on the way forward, and this meeting is intended to help you with that process.

A full report of the last meeting where practices discussed the pros and cons of being opted in or opting out is [HERE](#).

Places are limited so please advise Marie Vassallo if you are planning to attend, by email (mvassallo@lmc.org.uk) or by phone on 020 3818 6257. Parking on the Brunel University campus is by permit only, so let Marie know **in advance** if you require a parking permit and let her have your postal address.

2. CQC – Change in approach to inspections

Current approach

A team of inspectors visits a number of practices within a single Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) area during a four week period. The inspectors then return later to inspect other practices.

New approach

From October 2015, every CCG will have an allocated inspector who will carry out the majority of inspections in that area and the inspections will be scheduled throughout the year. Practices will still receive two weeks' notice of their inspection. This will help inspectors to form a positive relationship with the practices they inspect and lead to an improvement in the way their inspection team work with commissioners.

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3. LMC update on NWL Whole Systems Integrated Care (WSIC) ISA

The LMCs understand that GP practices have been sent a WSIC ISA (Whole Systems Integrated Care Information Sharing Agreement) to sign by their CCGs. This was not agreed with Londonwide LMCs before it was sent out by CCGs and creates risk for practices. Londonwide LMCs have held a constructive meeting with the NWL WSIC Informatics Lead and agreed a new updated agreement that will be sent to practices shortly, with a statement from Londonwide LMCs.

What should practices do now?

- **Please do not sign** the version you have been sent – wait for the final version that will be accompanied by a LMC statement to give you reassurance that this is the final ‘safe’ version.
- **If you have already signed** – the current version does not give adequate protection to practices. You will need to sign the new version when it arrives, and discard the current version.

You should receive the new version and accompanying statement shortly.

At the Annual Conference of LMCs in May, LMCs tasked GPC with developing a national data sharing agreement.

4. PMS review

The 8 NWL CCGs have confirmed that they will be involved in the process and that released funding will be reinvested in General Practice at borough level. Practices are advised to work with their accountant to start predicting the effect of losing the PMS+ payments and consider how they would continue to be viable if the core contract was equivalent to GMS practices.

Problems with the Coroner’s Office?

Hillingdon practices have reported delays in the responsiveness of the West London Coroner’s Office. GP leads from LMCs have met the Senior Coroner, and are taking the issues up with the Local Authority responsible.

Patients’ families who have experienced unreasonable delays in holding an inquest or receiving a reply to calls or correspondence should complain in the first instance to the coroner concerned. If still dissatisfied practices may advise them to write to the Judicial Complaints Investigation Office (JCIO) at inbox@jcio.gsi.gov.uk

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*The next meeting of Hillingdon LMC takes place on **20 October 2015***

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