

Hillingdon LMC News Update

July/August 2016

Chair: Dr Mitch Garsin

LMC Secretary: Dr Eleanor Scott

1. The challenges facing general practice – LMC open meeting report

Hillingdon LMC opened up the June LMC meeting to all GPs and Practice Managers. The open meeting heard a presentation on the GP State of Emergency and discussed key local and national developments affecting practices. The value of patient engagement and good examples of this were among topics covered in the Q&A session.

The full presentation with links to useful resources for practices can be accessed [HERE](#).

Londonwide LMCs can support practices in their discussions with patients on key issues affecting general Practice. Contact the LMC on GPResilience@lmc.org.uk if you would like anything in hard copy or for a PPG, or if they have suggestions for additional resources.

2. Premises updates

- *New Premises Cost Directions* - Publication is expected in September 2016. The new Directions will set out the eligibility criteria for 100% capital reimbursement. **GP Practices should bear in mind when bidding for funds that they may only qualify for 66% reimbursement.**
- *New template lease for NHSPS tenants* - A template lease was published in May 2016. This is a starting point and not a 'one size fits all'. **Practices should obtain legal advice on their individual situation and lease.** There is a 'grace period' until November 2017 during which stamp duty, land tax and legal fees will have capped support.
- *Estates and technology transformation fund (ETTF)* - this replaces the Primary Care Transformation Fund. CCGs have gathered bids for prioritisation and submission during June. These are larger projects in line with local estates strategies. See below for more on ETTF.
- *London Improvement Grant Programme* - This will be launched in Summer 2016 for bids for 2017/18.

Contents

1. Challenges facing general practice
2. Premises updates
3. Estates & Technology Transformation Fund
4. NHS Standard Hospital Contract

Hillingdon LMC

Dr Satesh Sehdev
Dr Surendra Verma
Dr Mita Mukerjee
Dr Yasmin Nathoo
Dr Mahendra Mashru
Dr Nilesh Bharakhada
Dr Manish Patel
Dr Mitch Garsin (Chair)
Dr Stephen Mort
Dr Payal Patel
Dr Alison Rackham
Dr Rosie Richards
Dr Thomas Davies
Dr Chris Jowett (Vice Chair)
Dr Bhavika Vagani
Dr Venothan Suri
Gillian Tobin, Practice Manager

To contact the Chair or any committee members please contact the [LLMC office](#).

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

The ETTF (formerly the Primary Care Transformation Fund (PCTF)) has been badged as a 4 year programme to support investment in General Practice infrastructure. It comes to an end 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 aligned to CCG digital roadmaps. Londonwide LMCs is of the view that the total London allocation of this fund will be utilised by the remaining 2015/16 bids and the current submitted 2016/17 bids. Londonwide LMCs is concerned that practices may put effort and resources into developing new bids with a low likelihood of success. Londonwide LMCs would, therefore, suggest that practices consider carefully the benefit of developing further projects so that they do not waste precious practice resources.

Practices will be aware that any future projects need 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. Practices considering bidding for further funding would be advised 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 prevent hospitals sending patients who've missed appointments back to their GP. Asking GPs to re-refer to a related specialty will cease, and GPs will not be expected 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. NWL LMCs will assist CCGs with monitoring 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

**Personal
Medical
Services
(PMS) review**

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

PM Forums

Hillingdon LMC is attending local PM Forums shortly to talk about practical ways we are able to support you, and hear from you about where you would like more support.

**GPC
Newsletter**

**LMC Latest
News**

Contact us

Hillingdon Local Medical Committee, Londonwide LMCs, Tavistock House, Tavistock Square
LONDON WC1H 9LG.

Tel: 020 3818 6222 Fax: 0207 383 7442 www.lmc.org.uk

The next meeting of Hillingdon LMC is on 16 August 2016

Hillingdon LMC Team

Dr Mitch Garsin – LMC Chair

Dr Eleanor Scott - LMC Secretary

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

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

[Esther Bennett](#) - Committee Liaison Executive

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

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

Disclaimer: This publication is written for health care professionals in Hillingdon and information may not be appropriate for use elsewhere. Editorial comments do not necessarily represent the views of the LMC.