

Hillingdon LMC News Update

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1. LMC Elections 2018 – Speaking up for general practice

Would you like to make your voice heard and speak up for general practice in Hillingdon? This year, for the first time, all LMC seats are up for election. There are 12 places available for a 2-year term on Hillingdon Local Medical Committee.

Who is suitable for this role? Any GP working in Hillingdon willing to represent Hillingdon GPs, whether partner, employed, locum, new entrant or trainee. New talent is especially welcome.

Nomination packs are available at www.ersvotes.com/londonwidelmcs. **The deadline for submitting your nomination is 5.00pm, Friday 1 June 2018.** This should include the names of two supporting GPs in Hillingdon.

The website also includes information on [roles and responsibilities for LMC members](#) and a helpful '[frequently asked questions](#)' document. Further information on the elections is available by contacting our elections team at lmcelections@lmc.org.uk.

2. Amended Medical Interoperability Gateway/ISA

The LMC wrote to you before Easter recommending you not to sign the amended MIG/ISA. This was because the MIG/ISA had been amended to allow the retrospective and prospective sharing of free-text.

The LMC is concerned that the sharing of retrospective free text written under the protection of the original ISA may not be legal and we have asked the CCG to confirm if it has sought a legal opinion. We are awaiting a response.

You are advised, therefore,

- Not to share retrospective free text until the legality of doing so has been established
- To ask the CCG to prevent any retrospective free text from being shared under the new MIG ISA until the legality of doing so has been established

The full LMC advice can be accessed [HERE](#).

3. GDPR – latest news

The Information Governance Alliance (IGA) have released a guidance document called 'the key points for GPs'. The document includes a myth busting section, information on the Data Protection Officer (DPO), Subject Access Requests (SARs), data protection fees and a checklist. You can download the guidance [here](#).

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4. Invoicing local authority for reports

With practice resources more tightly squeezed than ever, Londonwide LMCs has been campaigning for GP practices to be reimbursed for obligatory work requested by the Local Authority but not funded through the NHS contract. Londonwide LMCs has now written to LAs across the capital reminding them of their obligation to pay for work requested. The letter to the LA and templates for practices to use to invoice for work can be found [HERE](#)

5. Increase Your Effectiveness – day seminar

Date: Wednesday 13 June

Time: 9.30 am – 4.30 pm (registration from 9 am)

Venue: Londonwide LMCs, BMA House, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9LG

This seminar will help you

- To explore key evidence,
- To use a skills framework for improving consultations
- To improve your skills through practical exercises

For more information, and to book online, visit the Londonwide LMCs' [website](#).

6. Primary Care Support England (PCSE) service failures – compensation claims

Services provided by PCSE (through Capita since September 2015) have been an ongoing source of frustration to practices with issues ranging from delays in the transfer of medical records to tardy processing of pension contributions and GP payments. Where practices or individual GPs have suffered loss as a result of failings in these services, they are entitled to be compensated. See the BMA website [for how to claim](#) and click on 'case escalation for practice payments or losses'

Housing Applications

Patients DO NOT require a letter of recommendation from their GP to support housing applications. [Housing Application Guidance](#) is available on Londonwide LMCs' website to help patients understand this, and to push back on unnecessary work for GPs.

Londonwide LMCs' Buying Group

To ensure that your practice can get access to the best offers and additional discounts specially agreed for Londonwide LMCs' buying group members, register [here](#).

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Resources for practices are available at www.GPSOE.org.uk

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The next meeting of Hillingdon LMC is on 19 June 2018

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