

Hounslow LMC News Update

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1. London Improvement Grant Fund

Applications are now open for schemes to be delivered in the 2017/18 financial year and should be submitted by Friday 30 September. The letter with instructions on how to apply is [here](#).

- Funding will be to a value of 66% of the cost of eligible works. Practices will be expected to fund the remaining 34%.
- A letter of support from your CCG for your specific scheme must be submitted with your application.
- Applications for funding must be for eligible works with a **total value greater than £7,500** inclusive of any fees and VAT. **Note that this is an important difference from the improvement grant process in previous years.**
- Applications for funding may be made for multiple eligible items. These should be submitted on a single application form.

2. Other 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.

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3. 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

4. Practice Manager Conference - 22 September

Topic: Leadership through Change – making the most of your staff

Venue: Woburn House, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9HQ

Time: 9 am – 4.30 pm

Cost: £120 for London practices; £150 for other areas

Book early [online](#) to secure a place

This event will include a combination of seminars and practical workshops with the aim of providing delegates with the tools to deal with the changing environment of general practice.

Topics include:

- *Difficult doctors – ever met one?* - Dr Jenny Law, Londonwide LMCs
- *Embracing Change: let's get ready; let's take control and Managing Upwards* workshop - Marion MacLeod MBE, Practice Manager Network National Co ordinator for Scotland
- *Managing absences – the genuine and the skivers!* - Hilary Haman, Managing Director at Hilary Haman Consultancy

Sessional GP LMC Open meeting

Coming soon!

In conjunction with Hounslow and Ealing Sessional GP Forums, Ealing, Hammersmith & Hounslow LMC will be holding an LMC open meeting during the Autumn Term to give sessional GPs more information on the work of the LMC, explore how the LMC can support sessional GPs better, and listen to current concerns. More information to follow shortly...

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The next meeting of Ealing, Hammersmith & Hounslow LMC takes place on **14 Sept 2016**
Hounslow LMC is a sub-committee of Ealing, Hammersmith & Hounslow LMC.

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