

# Hounslow LMC News Update

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## 1. Indemnity fee reduction

17/18 GP contract changes negotiated by the BMA have resulted in an additional £30 million being paid by NHSE to help practices cover the rising cost of indemnity fees. This is paid directly to practices on a per patient basis. Practices should check that they received this in March. The payment will be itemised on GP statements as 'NHSE-INDEM-PAY MARCH 2017'

The payment is intended to benefit salaried and locum GPs as well as partners. Practices should ensure that salaries/agreements with their locums reflect this. Locum GPs should ensure their invoices are uplifted appropriately to take account of this.

## 2. Essential Survival Kit for New GPs' day conference

**Date:** Tuesday 4 July 2017

**Time:** 9.30 am – 4.45 pm (registration from 9 am)

**Venue:** Woburn House, 20 Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9HQ

Are you...

- About to complete your training?
- Newly qualified? Locum? Salaried? On a career break or parental leave?
- Moving from partnership? Looking for career advice, change or fresh start?

Get the essential facts from a wide range of topics including starting out as a locum; appraisal essentials; negotiating contracts; agreeing job plans; working safely and managing risk; OOH working; complaints and GMC performance issues; portfolio opportunities; maximising income; new retainer scheme; myth-busting the contractual environment for GPs; what the future actually holds for you and much more ... all delivered by leading representatives of UK general practice. For further information and to book see [here](#).

## 3. IR35 changes – what you need to know

From 6 April changes to the legislation known as IR35 mean that National Insurance and tax deductions for some locums will now be payable at source **by the practice**. This is likely to apply if a locum is working regular hours with the practice through an agency. Locums working as sole traders are unlikely to be affected. It is the responsibility of the employing practice or the locum agency to decide whether to apply IR 35 legislation to the employment. [A tool](#) and further guidance is available on the HMRC website to help practices and locums in making this assessment.

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## Practice resources

are available at [www.GPSOE.org.uk](http://www.GPSOE.org.uk) to help you through this state of emergency

- Letter templates
- Guidance
- Posters

## 4. NHS Standard Hospital Contract – Changes 17/18

NHS England has accepted a number of changes for the new NHS Standard Contract, most notably:

- Results of investigations requested by hospital clinicians should be communicated by the hospital directly to patients.
- Hospitals should directly liaise with patients should they miss an outpatient appointment rather than ask GPs to re-refer.
- Hospitals should make direct internal referrals to another department or clinician for a related medical problem rather than send the patient back to the GP for a new referral.

The changes are designed to further reduce inappropriate workload on GP practices, and also improve patient care across the primary/secondary care interface. Read the details [here](#). Practices should feedback any secondary care issues to their locality commissioning lead and copy in their [LMC](#) so that it is aware of any trends which should be taken up with the CCG at its regular liaison meetings.

Practices are advised to ask their CCG to restore the funding, and to invoice their Local Authority for services provided. Hounslow LMC is actively following up this matter to make claiming for this and similar work easier.

## 5. Training opportunities for practice staff

Londonwide Enterprise Ltd (LEL) was set up to provide affordable, high quality training and educational events for practice teams. Please see the list of upcoming events:

- Medical Terminology 9.00am to 1.30pm Wednesday 21 June
- Travel Health Update 1.00pm to 5.00pm Wednesday 28 June
- Essential Update for Practices in Leasehold Premises 2017 12.30pm to 4.00pm Thursday 29 June
- An essential survival kit for new GPs, 9.30am - 4.45pm Tuesday 4 July

## PMS review

Your LMC and LLMC will be sending out regular communications on this which you are advised to look out for

## Child safeguarding reports – should you be paid?

Writing child safeguarding reports is a service not included within the GP contract but which no GP would refuse to do. But as non-contractual work GPs are entitled to charge for providing such services. Historically most CCGs had a 'collaborative funding arrangement' in place between them and the Local Authority by which CCGs provided funding to the Local Authority for it to pay practices for this work. In many cases, this funding stream was 'lost' in the transfer of work from PCTs to CCGs a few years ago.

Practices are, therefore, advised to ask their CCG to restore the funding, and to invoice their Local Authority for services provided. Hounslow LMC is actively following up this matter to make claiming for this and similar work easier.

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The next meeting of Ealing, Hammersmith & Hounslow LMC takes place on **12 July 2017**

The next Hounslow LMC Liaison meeting with the CCG is on **11 July 2017**

Hounslow LMC is a sub-committee of Ealing, Hammersmith & Hounslow LMC.

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