

Hounslow LMC News Update

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1. CQC: getting ready for your inspection

Following the popularity of last month's presentation, and at popular request, Hounslow LMC is hosting another event on 'How to prepare for your CQC inspection'. This will build on the information provided last time, and will give ample opportunity for your questions.

Date: Wednesday 21 October

Time: 1 - 2.30 pm (sandwich lunch available from 12.30 pm)

Venue: Heart of Hounslow Health Centre (Rainbow 2, 4th floor)

Please confirm your attendance and any special dietary requirements to Marie Vassallo by email (marie.vassallo@lmc.org.uk) or by phone on 0203 818 6257.

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.

3. Practices' SMS services

From 1 October responsibility for funding practices' SMS services transfers from NHSE to the CCG. For the first year CCG are providing practices with additional functionality through a free trial of software from MJOG. After that practices may choose to revert to the basic service provided by EE or continue with MJOG at their own expense.

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

Londonwide 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.

5. HIV testing at GP registration

60% of Hounslow practices are now trained and routinely offering HIV testing to new patients. If your practice would like to join the scheme you should contact Lynsey Barry on 020 8321 5675 or lynsey.barry@wmuh.nhs.uk. Training takes 45 minutes and is delivered in your practice with a starter pack of two boxes of INSTI tests to get you up and running.

Problems with the Coroner's Office?

Hounslow 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

Fax: 020 7073 4725

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