

Islington LMC News

Chair: Dr Robbie Bunt

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Welcome from Islington LMC

Welcome to the new LMC two year term which runs from 1 September 2016 – 31 August 2018. The LMC has decided to prioritise input from general practice into the Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) (covering Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Haringey and Islington); it will be looking at what the Plan involves and sharing the information with you. If you want to find out more about it, please contact us as below! The LMC will also continue to establish a strong relationship with the Federation and work collaboratively with them moving forward, particularly given the new world of STPs and new models of care. We will continue to work to support local practices in the face of increasing demand, pressures on workload and also the impact of inappropriate bureaucratic processes.

Elected Members for the New Term

LMC members for the new term are:

- Dr Robbie Bunt, Chair
- Dr Simon Hazelwood, Vice-Chair
- Dr John McGrath
- Dr Anita Nathan
- Dr Karen Summerfield
- Angela Godden, Practice Manager Representative
- Michele Griffiths, Practice Nurse Representative

To get in touch with any of your representatives please contact Anne Thomas, at the office on 020 8318 6262 or anne.thomas@lmc.org.uk. We would also welcome more input from constituents, so please contact us if you have any questions.

Secondary Care work shifting into Primary Care

- The LMC are beginning to work with Haringey LMC and the Whittington to look at secondary care shifting work into primary care. The first meeting will be led by Dr Greg Battle, Medical Director at The Whittington; this group will also focus on the GP Forward View (GPFV). These meetings will continue to take place over the next six months so we would like to hear your views.

UCLH GP Liaison Group

- Dr Charles House, Medical Director at the University College London Hospital, is going to look into the re-establishment of the GP Liaison Group. Over the years this had been a useful vehicle for sharing information with one of the local acute Trusts.

Occupational Health

- The contracts for Occupational Health provision are due to be renegotiated for the coming year and the impact from a general practice perspective is that practices, as employers, will be paying for some of the staff occupational health provision. National Health Service England (NHSE) recently sent out a National Primary Care Occupational Health Service Specification [here](#).

Are you struggling? Contact us at Londonwide LMCs GP Support Service

Do you feel that your practice is struggling? You can seek confidential advice and support from the Londonwide LMC's GP Support team for any individual doctor or practice in difficulty. The team offers help and guidance on all practice related matters including contracts, performance, premises, payments, mergers, retirements and partnerships. Particularly if you are thinking about resigning your contract, taking 24-hour retirement or merging with another practice, please get in touch with one of the team for expert, tailor made advice. It's much easier to save contracts from the start! Contact the team on: gpsupport@lmc.org.uk.

NCL Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) Update

Islington CCG has been working together with partners and secondary care providers across NCL to develop the required STP that will set out how health and care will be delivered over the next five years. One key proposition of this plan is the Health and Care Closer to Home Programme that will deliver changes to the way in which urgent and emergency, primary and mental health care are delivered. The interventions that will deliver the proposition sit broadly under four work streams at present:

- Primary Care
- Urgent and Emergency Care
- Mental Health
- Prevention

Work streams have been allocated to individual CCGs with cross CCG support and the CCG leads for each of the work streams are currently in the process of drafting these plans and we will keep you updated. We are continuing to push for increased GP provider involvement as detailed planning continues.

FGM

The GMC have updated their guidance and fact sheet [here](#).

GPs Forward View Funding Update

The GP Forward View identified a number of funding streams to ensure firstly the stabilization of general practice and future provider development as part of a wider sustainability and transformation agenda. It is important that this funding is used for the purpose for which it was intended and LMCs will provide assurance at every level of the process by which GPFV funding will be used. This will include involvement in and assurance of locally produced CCG plans.

Patient Engagement Project

Londonwide LMCs has a new Patient Engagement Project; it promotes patient engagement as integral to high quality, sustainable general practice. Working in effective partnership with patients can improve service delivery and outcomes and can represent a formidable force in this time of organisational and financial upheaval and uncertainty.

Practices involved in the development of this project include those which can – and do - work collaboratively with patients to help shape services and secure the future of their practice. Practices are telling us that overcoming barriers to active and inclusive patient engagement can be a significant challenge.

If you would like further information on the project please email patientengage@lmc.org.uk

Accessible Information Standard

Since 31 July 2016 all GP practices had to be fully compliant with all aspects of the Accessible Information Standards.

The [Accessible Information Standard](#) aims to ensure that people who have a disability or sensory impairment receive information that can be accessible and understood. Any organisation that provides NHS or adult social care will need to implement these standards and compliance with the accessible information standard SCCI1605 (set out in section 250 the Health and Social Care Act).

The standard requires organisations to:

- Ask people if they have any information or communication needs and find out how to meet those needs.
- Record those needs clearly.
- Highlight or flag the person's file or notes so that it is clear that they have the information or communications needs.
- Share people's information and communication needs with other providers of NHS and adult social care, when they have consent to do so.
- Take steps to ensure that people receive information which they can access and understand, and receive communication support if they need it.

For further information see either the Londonwide article on this or in the BMA document '[Focus on the Accessible Information Standard for GP practices in England](#)' as well as [FAQs](#).

Child Protection Report Payments

Have you been paid in the last two years for child protection reports? We are hearing that some practices have not had anything for two years; if you are having problems. Please let us [know](#).

LEAD Events

Our subsidiary company, Londonwide Enterprise Ltd (LEL) was set up to provide affordable, high quality training and educational events for practice teams. The Learning Education and Development (LEAD) events are run on a not for profit basis to keep costs to practices to a minimum.

The LEAD events team is always keen to hear what training is really needed on the ground, so please do get in touch with any ideas you have by emailing lead@lmc.org.uk. We would like to hear from you. The latest LEAD events can be found [here](#).

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If you would like to come along and observe an LMC meeting, please let us know in advance. To see the dates of future meetings [here](#).

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