

Southwark LMC update

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1. Introducing your new Local Medical Committee

LMC elections took place in the summer. We are pleased to announce that Dr Penny Ackland has been elected to serve as the Chair of Southwark LMC for a two year term (2016-18).

The full list of Southwark LMC members is set out below. Please contact them if you have any queries.

Chair	Dr Penny Ackland	penny.ackland@nhs.net
LMC members	Dr Mahreen Chawdhery	mchawdhery@nhs.net
	Dr Claire Lloyd	Claire.lloyd2@nhs.net
	Dr Patrick Holden	Patrick.holden@nhs.net
	Dr Kishor Vasant	kishor.vasant@nhs.net
Co-opted Members	Dr Nathan Brown (VTS)	nathan.brown@doctors.org.uk
	Dr Kathy McAdamFreud	kathy.mcadamfreud@nhs.net
Federation Representatives (No Voting Rights)	Rebecca Dallmeyer (QHS)	catherine.otty@nhs.net
	Nigel Smith (IHL)	nigel.smith6@nhs.net
Practice Manager representatives (No Voting Rights)	Lorraine Weatherman	lorraine.weatherman@nhs.net
	Christian Jennings	christian.jennings@nhs.net

Londonwide LMCs Team

Each Local Medical Committee is supported by a team at the Londonwide LMCs' office. The following staff are dedicated to working with Southwark LMC and supporting GPs and their practices in the delivery of primary care across Southwark.

Medical Director / LMC Secretary	Dr Asiya Yunus	Asiya.Yunus@lmc.org.uk Working days usually: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday Covering Southwark, Lambeth, Merton, Sutton and Wandsworth LMCs
Director of Primary Care Strategy	Julie Freeman	Julie.Freeman@lmc.org.uk
Assistant Director of Primary Care Strategy	Nicola Rice	Nicola.Rice@lmc.org.uk
Committee Liaison Executive	Amber Davis	Amber.Davis@lmc.org.uk

2. Introducing your new Southwark LMC Chair; Dr Penny Ackland

Dr Penny Ackland trained at King's College Hospital, and whilst living in Southwark, worked as a GP partner in Covent Garden, senior partner in Croydon, and salaried GP in East Dulwich. Dr Ackland is currently employed as a salaried GP at Nunhead Surgery. In addition to her clinical work, she also has keen interest in renal care and anaemia which has led to her writing and editing on the subject, as well as being a work-group member of the NICE guideline for the management of anaemia in CKD.

During her 26 years as a GP, she has experienced fundholding, GMS and PMS modes of practice, and worked under the auspices of FHSAs, PCTs and CCGs.

'GPs have been used to change, and in the past we seem to have taken the changes in our stride'

In 2008 Dr Ackland's concerns over the way the NHS was being steered led here to become involved in the LMC.

'Like many, I have a deep-rooted passion for the NHS, and want to see it survive. Fundamental to its survival, however, I believe we need a strong and thriving GP workforce, and to attain this there needs to be respect, job satisfaction, and a degree of parity for its members'

Dr Ackland is deeply impressed by the quiet hard-work and professionalism of those in the Londonwide LMC offices.

'Dr Claire Lloyd and Dr Kathy McAdam Freud have both contributed enormously as LMC co-chairs, and I have a lot to learn. However, this is a time we need to progress with strength and optimism, because the alternative does not bear thinking about. General practice has been pushed to the brink of its limits but we need to support each other and ensure that it is recognised for what it is – the essential foundation and frontline of the nation's health! I hope to play my part in securing its future'

3. Call for sessional representation on the LMC

Southwark LMC acts for all NHS GPs working within Southwark, not only supporting them, but also representing their views to other agencies. With the recent plethora of re-organisations within the NHS, coupled with lack of funding and increased pressures put upon GPs, LMC representation is needed more than ever. One of the core values of the

LMC is equity and fairness. Sessional GPs (whether salaried or locums) are often under-represented on the LMCs.

If there are any sessional GPs who want to actively participate in representing their colleagues, and enfranchise an ever-growing section of their profession, **PLEASE CONSIDER APPLYING TO BECOME AN LMC MEMBER**. Perhaps you would like to observe an LMC meeting?

If you are considering taking a role on your local LMC or to attend a meeting, please contact Amber Davis- Londowide LMC Committee Liaison Executive on, Tel: 020 3818 6249 or email: Amber.Davis@lmc.org.uk

If you have any issues or queries please contact Amber Davis in the first instance by email.

4. Southwark Latent TB Specification

Recently Southwark CCG consulted Southwark LMC on the new Southwark Latent TB Specification. The LMC carefully reviewed the proposed specification and put forward suggestions/recommendations to ensure that the requirements were not too onerous for practices and were remunerated appropriately. Following a series of discussions between the LMC and the CCG the LMC agreed that it was happy that agreed Southwark Latent TB Specification be shared with practices.

5. General Practice State of Emergency (GPSoE) Campaign

To help practice staff to manage the increasing workload, Londonwide LMCs has produced some emergency guidance for practices to use to manage requests for unresourced work and to identify and communicate to patients activities that are not covered by your core contract.

The resources can be accessed [here](#).

6. Friends and Family Test

Practices are reminded that it is a contractual requirement for Friends and Family Test submissions to be made by the twelfth working day of the month on a **monthly** basis. Even if you have no submissions in a particular month please enter 0 in the relevant sections on CQRS. We need to remind you that if these returns are not made, it may result in the practice receiving a breach notice.

7. Londonwide LMCs patient engagement project

Did you know it is a contractual requirement to have a Patient Participation Group (PPG)? Having difficulties establishing or running an effective PPG? Let us know by contacting Beryl.Cross@lmc.org.uk

8. London Sexual Health Transformation Programme – October 2016 update

Londonwide LMCs has kept practices updated on the progress of the London Sexual Health Transformation Programme by including the programmes regular updates in the Londonwide LMCs newsletters. The most recent briefing is available [here](#) which includes the specific South East London update as follows:

The GSTT public consultation on a new service model and site reduction was completed at the end of September and results that will inform the new service model to come in November.

KCH are continuing to deliver a pilot of assisted 'e' triage at front door, with a similar scheme at GSTT planned to be piloted by January 2017. In addition, KCH plans to extend the 'e' triage at Beckenham Beacon in Bromley, probably in Q4.

9. Request for help from Dr Sumeeta Dhir with regard to the development of an integrated heart failure service

Dr Dhir, GP and Heart Failure Champion, and a practising GP in Southwark, is currently involved in the development of an Integrated Heart failure service. Essentially the plan is to provide care using a new model which encourages and embeds the service in local care networks. The British Heart Foundation and the GSTT charitable trust are supporting this initiative.

The project has been running for a few months but the key element is to engage with practices to provide support, education and develop a novel approach to delivering care which can then be replicated for other long term conditions. Dr Dhir's role as GP and Heart Failure Champion it to ensure that there is a clear voice of what general practice needs for this particular area and develop a model in conjunction with other representatives on the Heart failure team.

For this reason Dr Dhir is requesting your help to complete the following survey monkey which only takes two minutes so that the project can start focusing on primary needs. To take part in this survey please click [HERE](#)

10. Practice Wi-Fi Disclaimer

Please note that [EMIS](#) monitors all traffic from devices that are using Wi-Fi connection within practices. Practices are recommended to set up a disclaimer for all users informing them of this.