

Sutton LMC News Update

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1. Sutton LMC- what have we been doing for you?

At the recent LMC meetings members have discussed key strategic and operational issues and recent developments with the CCG.

Issues discussed included:

- Sutton CCG's Primary Care commissioning Intentions
- Extended Access.
- Suttons CCG's GP Forward View plans
- Service Specification for Public Health, Sexual Health

There have also been several meetings with the CCG and NHSEL with regard to the PMS contract review and these are continuing.

The LMC has also recently met with the London Borough of Sutton Public Health colleagues to discuss the Sexual Health services specification.

2. Sutton LMC calls for Sessional GPs

Sutton LMC acts for all NHS GPs working within Sutton, 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 [Dr Rebekah Dowdy](#), Chair of Sutton LMC.

3. GP Contract changes for 17/ 18- indemnity fees

Details of the contract changes for 17/18 can be accessed [here](#). One of the key elements relates to an additional £30m which will be added to practice budgets based on a per patient basis and not weighted. This is intended to cover the increase in indemnity costs for all GPs working in the practice including salaried GPs. As this money will be paid directly to practices GP Partners should ensure that the appropriate amount of funding reaches their salaried GP colleagues. Locum GPs will need to ensure that the invoices/agreements with practices are uplifted appropriately to take account of this business expense.

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Your Sutton LMC

If you would like to bring any issue of concern to any member of Lambeth LMC contact Amber Davis on Amber.Davis@lmc.org.uk or telephone 020 3818 62469

4. Prospective Employers requests to see copies of appraisal summaries

It has come to Londonwide LMCs' attention that some prospective employers have been asking candidates to share with them their appraisal summary. The LLMC view supported by colleagues on the GPC, is that this is unacceptable practice. GP appraisal documentation is highly privileged information with restricted access for specific purposes only, relating to the Medical Register, Licensing and Performers' list requirements.

Knowing that one's appraisal might be used as evidence for a future interview could potentially undermine the benefits of self-reflection and transparency and therefore the purpose of appraisal as a developmental tool.

It is reasonable that the potential employer requests evidence of regular appraisal and date of revalidation and this could be the screen shot of the appraisal page on Clarity that shows appraisal dates.

5. GPC sessional Sub-Committee survey

The BMA GPC Sessional Sub-Committees recently undertaken its first survey for salaried and locum GPs since 2010. The results of this important survey will be made available to practices in due course.

6. New LLMC Practice mergers guidance

This guidance is to make GPs and their practices aware of what needs to be taken into account when considering a merger with another practice (or practices). It is a summary of some basic issues that practices need to be aware of and address in their exploratory discussions with the other practice(s). Access it [here](#).

7. The Essential Survival Kit for New GPs

Come along to the Essential Survival Kit for New GPs conference which will be held on Tuesday 4 July 2017, and get the essential facts about real life in general practice



that they **don't** teach you in your VTS and that you **won't find anywhere else** from a reputable and reliable source

For further information and to reserve a place, please click [here](#)

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BMA Standard Hospital Contract Guidance

Click [HERE](#) for templates to provide practices and LMCs with resources to hold both CCGs and hospital trusts to account to implement contractual changes which also includes templates which can be imported into Emis Web or SystemOne.

LLMC Patient Engagement Project

Londonwide LMCs Patient Engagement Project team conducted a patient engagement survey which offered practices the opportunity to help inform our Patient Engagement Project's development and delivery by sharing their experiences of patient participation groups (PPGs). The results for the Patient Engagement Survey can be found [HERE](#)

It is a contractual requirement to have a Patient Participation Group (PPG). For more information on Londonwide LMCs Patient Engagement Project, including workshops for practice team and PPG members, please email Beryl.Cross@lmc.org.uk.

[Contact us](#)

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