

Bexley LMC News Update – May 2017

Chair: Dr Richard Money

LMC Secretary: Dr Julie Sharman

1. Message from the LMC Chair - Dr Richard Money

Bexley LMC remains acutely aware of the workload, staffing and financial pressures facing general practice. This is reflected in the November 2016 Workforce Survey undertaken by Londonwide LMCs.

LMC members remain committed to engaging with the CCG and challenging where necessary, the commissioning of services that could negatively impact on GP practices. We remain aware that many of you are concerned about the local impact of the SE London STP and this will be reflected in ongoing discussion between LMC and CCG.

PMS contract review discussions continue to progress with the CCG and NHSEL, whilst remaining cognisant of the need for equalisation to GMS contract holders. The LMC stands firm that practices should have sufficient reading before deciding whether to accept the new PMS offer; NHSEL maintain that the start date of the new contracts should be 1 October 2017 and so timelines remain extremely challenging.

We will also try to ensure that as much GP Forward View funding as possible passes directly to individual practices to enhance resilience during a period of great change.

Please ensure we can work effectively for you by keeping your contact details up-to-date and sharing our newsletter widely within your practice, particularly sessional and salaried doctors.

2. Bexley LMC - what we are doing for you?

The LMC has discussed the following key strategic and operational issues:

- PMS contract reviews
- South East London Sustainability & Transformation Plan
- Plans to implement fully-delegated commissioning
- Bexley CCG's GP Forward View proposals
- Development of federated working
- Liaison with Public Health on 2017/18 commissioned services

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3. Our Healthier South East London STP

Dr Simon Parton from Lewisham has been elected by fellow South East London LMC Chairs and Vice-Chairs as the spokesperson for the six LMCs within the Our Healthier South East London (OHSEL) STP area.

OHSEL STP will be holding public events in each of the boroughs for the public to hear about the future of health services in South East London. These events will operate under a market place style configuration with stalls run by stakeholders integral to the SEL STP.

Events will end with a Q&A session where people can question a panel of local clinicians and experts on the SE London STP.

The Our Healthier South East London STP event for Bexley will be held on Tuesday 4 July, 10am-1pm

Venue: Applegarth Suite, Marriott Hotel, Bexleyheath Marriott Hotel, 1 Broadway, Bexleyheath, DA6 7JZ

For further information about this event, please visit the [Our Healthier South East London](#) website. We would encourage you to attend this event to hear what is being proposed and use the opportunity to provide comments in support of general practice.

4. Call for Sessional GPs

The LMC acts on behalf of all NHS GPs working within Bexley. With increasing workload and other pressures being put upon practices, LMC representation is more important than ever.

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

If you are a sessional or salaried GP and interested in becoming a member of Bexley LMC or attend a meeting as an observer, please contact Barry.Christie@lmc.org.uk

5. Bexley Vocational Training Scheme (VTS)

There is currently a vacancy for a VTS representative on the LMC – this role can be shared between two trainees if this is convenient and honoraria is payable for attendance. Please contact Barry.Christie@lmc.org.uk for further details.

GP Trainees in Bexley are also welcome to observe meetings and learn more about the role of the LMC in representing local practices in discussion with the CCG and other stakeholders.

LLMC Practice Mergers Guidance

This provides a summary of some of the issues that practices need to take account of in discussions on mergers with the other practice(s) - this can be accessed [here](#).

LLMC Patient Engagement Project

Londonwide LMCs Patient Engagement Project team conducted a patient engagement survey on 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 PPG. For more information on the Patient Engagement Project, please email Beryl.Cross@lmc.org.uk.

Resources to help practices manage workload

[BMA Standard Hospital Contract Guidance](#) templates to provide practices and LMCs with resources to hold both CCGs and hospital trusts to account to implement contractual changes.

The [toolkit to help GP practices promote online services to patients](#) helps practices promote online services for specifically ordering repeat prescriptions, booking appointments and viewing medical records. Any queries can be sent to [England Patient](#)

GP State of Emergency

To help you through the GP state of emergency, visit: www.GPSOE.org.uk

6. Employers requests to see appraisal summaries

It has come to the attention of Londonwide LMCs' that some prospective employers have been asking candidates to share 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. 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.

7. GP Contract changes for 2017/18 - indemnity fees

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.

Details of the GP contract changes for 2017/18 can be accessed [here](#).

8. Enhanced Service - QRISK2 mapping error

A new temporary Enhanced Service was introduced in February 2017 for work caused by code mapping errors in the QRISK2 calculator in SystmOne. Practices have been provided with lists of patients potentially affected and clinical recommendations for call/recall and support reviews. Practices need to identify patients and offer an up to date cardiovascular assessment and follow-up where clinically indicated. Practices can claim £6.50 per affected patient. See full details [HERE](#)

Claims deadline by 31 May with payments due on 31 July. Work on Enhanced Service completed by 31 September 2017.

Londonwide LMCs Conference An essential survival kit for new GPs Tuesday 4 July 2017

This is a practical one day conference for GPs who are about to complete their training; in the early years of their careers or looking for a change.

Get the essential facts from a wide range of topics including starting out as a locum; appraisal essentials from 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 holds for you and much more ... all delivered by leading representatives of UK general practice.

For further details see [HERE](#)

[Contact us](#)

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The next Bexley LMC meeting takes place on 5 July 2017

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