

Brent LMC News Update

April 2018

Chair: Dr Prakash Chatlani

1. Get ready now for the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) – further guidance now available

The EU's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) comes into force on 25 May 2018 when it replaces the UK Data Protection Act 1998. The GDPR is significant and wide-reaching in scope and it expands the rights of individuals to control how their personal information is collected and processed. The GDPR places a range of new obligations on organisations to be more accountable for data protection.

We have been keeping you up to date with guidance as it becomes available and the latest guidance is on the [LLMC website](#).

2. Concerns about coroners issues

In response to concerns raised regarding GP relationships with the coroners' office, we recently requested examples of problems experienced by GPs and practice staff. Examples provided so far include:

- coroners lack of consistency and the problems this is causing for GPs;
- issues over cremation form completion/medical examiners;
- inappropriate requests to confirm the fact of death;
- lack of telephone access to coroners and coroners' officers;
- long response times for replies to queries delaying the issuing of death certificates;
- delays in issuing of death certificates creating problems with communities who's religious beliefs stipulate prompt burial after death;
- ambiguity around expected deaths and the 14 day rule;
- coroners emails going to old addresses or them not following requests to communicate urgent information by phone rather than email; and
- lost coroners paperwork distressing bereaved families, particularly those who have had young die children.

If you have any further examples you wish to share, please send them to info@lmc.org.uk.

We appreciate that coroners are under great pressure from new systems and budget cuts. Our aim is to work with them to minimise the distress caused to bereaved families by the process of certifying and/or investigating deaths and free-up GP time which is currently being spent waiting with deceased patients.

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To contact the Chair, any committee members or the Secretary please contact the [LLMC office](#).

Visit www.GPSOE.org.uk to help you through this state of emergency

- Letter templates
- Guidance
- Posters

3. UK LMC Conference 2018 round-up

This year's LMC Conference saw debate on a range of issues of concern to London GPs: from Bawa-Garbar and the use of written reflections, to mass resignations, workload management, and GP at Hand. The national LMC Conference is the mechanism whereby LMCs representing grassroots GPs aim to set the direction for the GPC and BMA for the coming year, considering, debating and voting on LMC motions from across the UK. Delegates debated the workload crises facing general practice throughout the UK and speakers from NI, Scotland and Wales gave updates on negotiations and action being taken in their respective nations. A number of trainees and sessionals spoke from the platform, debating the sustainability of the independent contractor model and the need for more inclusivity on LMCs and the GPC. Conference was united in expressing frustration at the ineffectiveness of GPFV negotiations, and in regulators moving from the reasonableness of the peer-led Bolam test to apply unreasonable expectations. And whilst there was broad agreement that the GP at Hand model was damaging to the classic model of general practice, including a contribution from Dr Simon Parton, Chair of Lewisham LMC, there were some voices in favour of the flexibility it offers to both clinicians and patients.

4. LMC Elections 2018

Would you like to be an advocate for general practice?

This summer every seat on all our LMCs is up for election. We look forward to welcoming representation from all GPs including partners, employed, locum, new entrants and trainees. Have a look at our website page to [find out more](#)

5. LMC buying group

A new Londonwide LMCs' buying group has been launched for our practices in London.

To ensure that your practice can get access to the best offers and additional discounts specially agreed for Londonwide LMCs' buying group members, we would like to invite your practice to register for this new service giving you access to preferential services. To register, please [click here](#).

Advice on how to join the Londonwide LMCs' Buying Group, and further information on the benefits, can be seen [here](#).

Contact us

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Training opportunities for practice staff

Londonwide Enterprise Ltd (LEL) was set up to provide affordable, high quality training and educational events for practice teams. Please see the list of upcoming events [here](#)

Sessional GPs

Read the BMA sessional GPs newsletter [here](#)