

Brent LMC News Update

March 2017

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1. Delegated commissioning

Brent CCG wrote to practices on 24 February regarding the outcome of the member vote on delegated commissioning. Brent CCG has rescinded its application for delegated commissioning and will continue to operate as joint commissioners with NHSE. Brent LMC/LLMC will continue to engage with the CCG on this. Please look out for communications from your LMC.

2. PMS Review

The pause on the PMS contract review has been lifted and the process has restarted. The CCG will lead the process and be consulting with the LMC. We will keep you informed of the latest developments as they occur.

3. PCSE/Capita issues

Brent LMC is aware that significant concerns have been raised with the PCSE service provided by Capita. Although this is a national issue the LMC is keeping a close eye on the issues affecting practices locally and remind all practices to contact GP Support gpsupport@lmc.org.uk if they are facing significant financial loss because of these issues. KCW LMC Vice Chair and GPC Sessional GP Subcommittee Vice Chair Dr Krishan Aggarwal provides an update on the Capita and NHSE Pensions issues in his blog [here](#) that sessional and salaried GPs will find useful. PCSE contact details [here](#)

4. Premises – Service Charges

Your LMC has received concerns about increases in service charges for CHP tenants. Practices should ensure that you have a clear understanding of what your service charges entail and why they may have changed.

If you are having difficulty obtaining an adequate explanation of your service charges, if CHP or NHSPS are insisting on you paying without a detailed breakdown, or if you wish to challenge your service charges, you can contact the LMC GP Support team for impartial and confidential advice and assistance on gpsupport@lmc.org.uk

5. 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:

- GP Pensions 9.00am to 12.00pm Thursday 23 March 2017
- Professional and Practice issues for HCAs and APs 9.30am to 1.00pm Wednesday 3 May 2017
- Using GMC Guidance in General Practice - Wednesday 10 May 2017
- 1:30pm-4.30pm
- Medical Terminology 9.00am to 1.30pm Wednesday 21 June 2017

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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

6. LMC advice on the updated Brent EMIS ISA

You will know from the CCG that the Brent EMIS ISA has been amended to extend the sharing of the full medical record beyond networked/federated GP practices to sharing with numerous additional health and social service care providers giving direct care to the patient.

This extension of data sharing is a significant variation on the old EMIS ISA so GP colleagues **will need to sign up again to the new version** if you are in agreement with its terms and purpose.

Colleagues are reminded that your CCGs are **not** providing any indemnification to GPs or your staff to mitigate against legal action taken by a patient for alleged breach of confidentiality under these ISAs therefore: -

- Practices are strongly advised to take reasonable steps to inform patients that their full medical records will be shared with relevant health and social care providers for the purpose of giving direct patient care only
- To this end, practices are therefore strongly advised to ensure that a fair processing notice is displayed in a public place in the practice building and that patient leaflets and the practice website all contain copies of the notice so that patients will be aware that all data stored in their electronic medical records will be shared with relevant health and social care providers in accordance with data protection legislation and guidance for the purpose of direct care only.

Please note - The fair processing notice must mention that patients do have a right to decline the sharing of all or part of their electronically stored medical records. Practices are therefore advised: -

- To have/put in place a process to enable patients to discuss any concerns and preferences.
- That reference to this process is clearly made in the fair processing notice.

CCG sessional GP contact list

To ensure that the CCG is engaging effectively with all GPs in Brent it has been approaching local meetings to collect the contact detail of sessional GPs working at Brent practices. The CCG will also undertake biannual updates of its sessional and salaried contact lists. Practices are encouraged to participate and asked to help ensure that sessional GPs are kept up to date by sharing important communications, including the Brent LMC news update.

Resources

[LLMC GP State of emergency and resilience resources](#) - including templates, resilience guides and posters.

[BMA Standard Hospital Contract Guidance](#) -. Includes templates which can be imported into Emis Web or SystmOne.

[LMC Latest News](#)

[LLMCs annual conference – Thursday 27 April](#)

[Contact us](#)

Brent Local Medical Committee, Londonwide LMCs, Tavistock House, Tavistock Square LONDON WC1H, 9HX. www.lmc.org.uk The next Brent LMC meeting takes place on **6 April**.

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