

Harrow LMC News Update

December 2015

Chair: Dr Fergus McCloghry LMC Secretary: Dr Eleanor Scott

1. Training and education opportunities

Harrow CCG is currently providing the following training opportunities:

(1) MERIT™ Diabetes Annual Review & Physical Education 'Clinical Champions' Course

Wednesday 16th December 2015, 9:00am – 4:30pm Designed for GP's, Practice Nurses and HCA's (places limited to 35 delegates)

(2) Cervical Cytology Training

Wednesday 20th January 2016, 1:00pm – 5:00pm

Designed for GP's and Practice Nurses (places limited to 20 delegates)

(3) Travel Health including Travel Immunisation

Thursday 18th February 2016, 9:30am - 5:00pm

Designed for Practice Nurses (places limited to 10 delegates)

(4) Nurse Appraisal Training

3 dates (9:30am - 4:30pm)

- Thursday 4th February 2016
- Friday 19th February 2016
- Thursday 17th March 2016

Designed for GP's, Practice Managers & Senior Nurses (places limited to 10 delegates).

For more information see http://harrowccg.nhs.uk/education-and-training

2. Primary Care Co-Commissioning – local arrangements

NWL CCGs will be establishing local subcommittees to take forward cocommissioning at borough level. Londonwide LMCs is engaging with CCGs and NHSE on the NWL Joint Committees and borough based subcommittees to ensure that a GP advisor is present to provide expertise on GP contract and estates issues so that it is able to make safe decisions.

3. BMA model contract

The BMA model contract represents good employment practice and was designed to ensure a common standard for all GPs employed by GMS practices and PCOs There are severe consequences for a GMS practice which does not offer at least the Model contract to a new salaried GP, with the ultimate sanction being the withdrawal by NHSE of the GMS provider contract. This is set out in schedule 6, paragraph 115 of the Regulations. See the BMA website for <u>further information</u>.

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Harrow LMC members can be contacted via the <u>LLMC</u> office.

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4. Commissioning arrangements for CNWL lithium clinic

Harrow LMC previously reported on communications received from Northwick Park, Mental Health Pharmacy Department informing them that the lithium clinic is closing, and asking them to take on the responsibility of prescribing and arranging blood tests for your patient.

Practices were advised that they were not required to do this work and to consider patient safety issues, the medico-legal consequences and the effect it might have on your medical defence premiums before agreeing to take responsibility for patients under this arrangement.

If you have any questions regarding mental health services or receive inappropriate discharge requests you are advised to contact Lennie Dick, Harrow CCG Head of Mental Health Services. Please also visit the LLMC GP resilience website for letter templates to be used to flag up <u>inappropriate</u> workload transfers to your CCG.

5. PMS Review

Londonwide LMCs has released a <u>further update</u> on the PMS review following the recent PMS briefing. Where level 2 co-commissioning exists, such as NWL, the review will be carried out jointly between the CCG and NHSEL. LLMCs will share any further information with you as soon as it becomes available.

LMC buddy working

Your LMC buddy is an LMC member who provides a direct link and ensures two way communications between you/your practice and the LMC. Your LMC buddy is available to you/your practice by phone, email and in person when attending local meetings. This means that vour views are more effectively represented and your practice is better informed of local developments and the LMC's position on local and national issues.

The LMC members buddy list and factsheet is available here.

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