

Harrow LMC News Update

October/November 2017

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LMC Secretary: Dr Eleanor Scott

1. WSIC update: Care Coordination, Enhanced Practice Nurse Virtual Ward LISs

You will have received contracts from the CCG on 11th October asking you to sign up to these LISs by 16th October. This is an unreasonably short time for you to consider whether or not you will be in a position to deliver them and without the financial modelling necessary for you to make that decision. The final versions of these LISs with their associated financial models have not been presented to the LMC for consultation and comment which is the required process for CCGs. Those practices which have not signed the contracts are advised to consider that the LMC has not had the opportunity to comment on or review the financial information related to the LIS. Those practices which have already signed up are advised to write to the CCG with a covering note to say that the timeframe for consideration of the contracts was unreasonably short, that the financial modelling is unclear, there is no accompanying claim form and that the practice was unaware that the LMC had not yet been consulted on the specification.

2. PMS contract review update

LMCs and Londonwide LMCs have been working extremely hard in a difficult NHS financial environment, applying the following principles to the PMS “Premium” proposals put forward by your CCG:

- Monies must remain within PMS and GMS practice contracts and not lost to “the system”
- Service Specifications and KPIs for redistributed PMS premium monies must be “within the gift of practices to achieve”
- General Practice must not be destabilised by the workload or financial bottom lines.

The PMS review process includes the following agreed steps:

1. Local engagement with practices and the LMC from which a plan for the use of redistributed PMS premium monies would be included in commissioning intentions
2. Joint Assurance of those plans in accordance with agreed criteria including as above.
3. A 2-week period for Londonwide to review the contracts for PMS core and premium services – the latter being LCSs for GMS practices - are safe for practices and continue to meet the criteria
4. A 3 month period for PMS practices to consider the contract offer.

Currently the progress of all NWL CCGs PMS proposals towards the next stage in the PMS review process is subject to NHSE / LLMC assurance.

Harrow LMC will hold an open meeting for all practices in November to update practices on the PMS contract review and other important issues

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to help you through this state of emergency

3. Shared care arrangements and unfunded work

Shared care protocols are increasingly used to transfer care from hospitals into general practice, including the prescribing of specialist medication. It is important to note practices are not obliged to participate in shared care arrangements, which are voluntary. Shared care arrangements require additional competencies, and it is important that GPs do not undermine care for patients by feeling pressured to treat beyond their knowledge and skills. Shared care arrangements also require additional GP, nurse and administration time, and it is important that practices do not take on this additional optional work beyond their capacity to deliver. Practices should receive resources to provide this extra service, so that current staff are not diverted away from providing core needs of patients.

If the GP decides not to participate, the clinical responsibility for the patient remains with the specialist service. See LLMC's [GPSOE resources](#) for further information and a template letter which you may use to refuse a request.

LMC members have identified the following [areas of work](#) which are not currently commissioned from General Practice in Harrow. Practices are advised to consider the [BMA Quality First guidance](#) in relation to these services and to ensure that delivering unresourced work does not prevent them from fulfilling their contractual and GMC duty of care as GPs.

4. HEROS

Harrow CCG has launched a new pilot service for receiving and processing non-urgent referrals from GPs to secondary care services such as hospitals and community services. The LMC has some operational concerns regarding the pilot and will feed these back to the CCG through its scheduled engagement process. Practices are advised to feed back any concerns to the CCG and copy in the [LMC](#).

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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:

- Effective Medical Chaperoning in General Practice 9.00am to 12.30, 2 November 2017
- HR in General Practice: Effective Recruitment and Selection 9.30am to 4.30, 9 November 2017
- Practice Manager Conference: Workforce, Wellbeing, Improvement 9.30am to 4.15, 22 November 2017
- Using GMC Guidance in General Practice 1.30pm to 4.30, 6 December 2017
- Introduction to Medical Terminology 9.00am to 4.00, 13 December 2017
- Safeguarding Adults L3 9.30am to 4.30, 24 January 2018

Contact us

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