

Islington LMC News Update – May 2018

Chair: Dr Robbie Bunt

1. Message from the LMC

As an LMC we have been continuing to build relationships with the CCG which are particularly important now that a number of their team work across both Haringey and Islington critical to ensure Islington's concerns are addressed. We are also continuing to monitor the use of both the CCG's primary care budget and General Practice Forward View (GPFV) funding to ensure practices are getting the investment they need. For further information about GPFV resources [click here](#).

Regular meetings have been taking place with the Royal Free Hospital and Whittington Health particularly in relation to the electronic referral system. We have been in discussion with Whittington Health to ensure mechanisms are put in place for those patients who need an urgent referral but do not meet the two-week wait criteria. If you are experiencing issues regarding any matters relating to the Trusts, please let the LMC know so that we can raise your concerns.

If you are aware of an employed GP who has not received this newsletter please feel free to forward on as we are keen to ensure we are representing all our constituents; they can register to receive information [HERE](#).

The next LMC meeting is on 14 June, if you have any items you would like to raise please contact us.

2. LMC Elections

This year every LMC seat is up for election and every GP should now have received a nomination pack. Any GP working in the borough may be nominated for election regardless of their contractual status. We particularly welcome nominations from those GPs who are under-represented on the LMC. If you have any queries regarding the elections, please contact lmcelections@lmc.org.uk. The important dates for your diary are:

Close of nominations:	Friday 1 June 2018 (5:00pm)
Voting papers issued:	Monday 25 June 2018
Close of voting:	Tuesday 24 July 2018 (12:00pm)
Publication of results:	Monday 30 July 2018

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If you would like to raise any issues with the LMC or confidential matters concerning your practice, contact Joni Wilson-Kaye Joni.Wilson-Kaye@lmc.org.uk or telephone 020 3818 6254

3. PMS Contract Review

An NCL PMS Oversight Group was formed to ensure the PMS contract reviews were consistent and fair across all five boroughs and that any arrangements agreed equalised funding opportunities for both PMS and GMS practices. The commissioning intentions were agreed in January and will focus on the extended access service. The contract pack should be out with practices for consideration shortly. Practices will have three months to consider the terms of the new contract, but payments will be backdated to 1/4/18. Both PMS and GMS practices will have the option to sign up to the locally commissioned services.

4. GP State of Emergency (GPSOE)/ Collaborative Arrangements

The LMC would like to take this opportunity to remind practices that they should not undertake unfunded work. The LLMC GPSOE project continues to develop resources to support practices which can be found if you [click here](#). A letter has been sent to the Chief Executive of Islington Council with templates which have been developed to address issues arising around collaborative payment arrangements. There are two templates: one specifically for requests for information related to a child or adult at risk of a safeguarding concern and the other that relates to other types of collaborative payment. To find a copy of the letter and the two templates [click here](#).

5. General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

The Information Governance Alliance (IGA), which includes the Department of Health, NHS England, NHS Digital and Public Health England, is in the process of producing guidance for GDPR ahead of it coming into force on 25 May this year. [Click here](#) to access Londonwide LMCs website which will be regularly updated with the latest advice and guidance for practices.

6. GP at Hand

Since the launch of GP at Hand the LMCs across North Central London, along with Londonwide LMCs, are continuing to monitor how the online practice develops and the impact this has on the local boroughs. A number of Islington patients have deregistered with practices to sign up with GP at Hand which has added to the workload of the practices particularly as a in a number of cases patients have then registered back with their original practice. The North Central London LMC Chairs have written collectively to the relevant CCG Chairs to raise concerns, in particular, relating to patient safety and the potential destabilisation of general practice. We will continue to keep you updated as further information becomes available.

Contact us

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The following Londonwide LMCs' training events are scheduled, for further information see [here](#)

**Consultation Skills:
Increase Your
Effectiveness
Wednesday 13 June**

**Clinical Supervision for
General Practice Nurses
Wednesday 27 June**

**Safeguarding Children
(level 3)
Wednesday 18 July**

**Summarising Medical
Records 25 July 2018**

**Revised PGD Templates
for Typhoid Vi
[Click here](#) to access
guidance on the revised
PGDs.**

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