

Wandsworth LMC update

November 2016

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1. Introducing your new Local Medical Committee

LMC elections took place in the summer. We are pleased to announce that Dr Jeremy Gray and Dr Amer Salim have been elected to serve as Co-chairs of Wandsworth for a two year term (2016-18).

The full list of current Wandsworth LMC members is set out below. Please contact them if you have any queries

Co-Chairs	Dr Jeremy Gray	jeremygray@nhs.net
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	Dr Penelope Smith	Penelope.smith@nhs.net
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Wandsworth LMC has contacted the Practice Manager Forum of each of the three localities in Wandsworth asking them to nominate a Practice Manager Representative to attend LMC meetings. The LMC is keen to engage and share information with all three Practice Manager forums in Wandsworth, to support them further, following the visits made by Nicola Rice.

Londonwide LMCs Team

Each Local Medical Committee is supported by a team at the Londonwide LMCs' office. The following staff are dedicated to working with Wandsworth LMC and supporting GPs and their practices in the delivery of primary care across Wandsworth.

Medical Director / LMC Secretary	Dr Asiya Yunus	Asiya.Yunus@lmc.org.uk
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Director of Primary Care Strategy	Julie Freeman	Julie.Freeman@lmc.org.uk
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Committee Liaison Executive	Amber Davis	Amber.Davis@lmc.org.uk

If you have any issues or queries please contact Amber Davis in the first instance by email.

2. General Practice State of Emergency (GPSoE) Campaign

To help practice staff to manage the increasing workload, Londonwide LMCs has produced some emergency guidance for practices to use to manage requests for unresourced work and to identify and communicate to patients activities that are not covered by the core contract.

The resources can be accessed [here](#).

3. Friends and Family Test

Practices are reminded that it is a contractual requirement for Friends and Family Test submissions to be made by the twelfth working day of the month on a **monthly** basis. Even if you have no submissions in a particular month please enter 0 in the relevant sections on CQRS. We need to remind you that if these returns are not made, it may result in the practice receiving a breach notice.

4. Londonwide LMCs patient engagement project

Did you know it is a contractual requirement to have a Patient Participation Group (PPG)? Having difficulties establishing or running an effective PPG? Let us know by contacting Beryl.Cross@lmc.org.uk

5. National HIV Testing Week (NHTW) starts 19 November 2016 – message from Wandsworth CCG and Wandsworth Public Health

‘National HIV Testing Week (NHTW) 2016 starts on Saturday 19 November. In Wandsworth our goal is to increase regular HIV testing, with particular emphasis on the most at-risk groups (those who are clinically indicated for HIV, men who have sex with men, Black African men and women, and injecting drug users), as well as among the general population. Please help Public Health Wandsworth to spread the word and get as many people in the community as possible tested as part of this important national campaign.

Why should practices get involved?

The HIV diagnosis rate in Wandsworth among 15-59 year olds is 5.6 per 1,000 people. This is more than double the 2 per 1,000 rate at which the British HIV Association classifies areas as ‘high prevalence’ and recommends extensive testing in primary care settings. Testing in primary care and community settings is important to ensure that HIV is diagnosed early and that onward transmission is disrupted. This is especially important in Battersea, where prevalence rates may be as high as 19.9/1,000 population.

How should practices get involved?

Resource packs to all practices including posters, leaflets and interactive information about HIV Testing for waiting room tables. Please display them clearly as soon as you receive

them. If you would like to know more about this event and what else is taking place across the country please see <http://www.hivpreventionengland.org.uk/>.

Public Health also funds 22 GPs to undertake Point of Care (POC) rapid HIV tests. In November 2015/16 234 people were tested for HIV in General Practice using this method. Public Health would like these practices to work towards increasing this by 50% this year to around 351 tests in November and would be happy to fund these additional tests as part of the contract.

If your practice is not funded to undertake POC tests, you can still offer serological testing for HIV, and we would encourage you to proactively offer this during the testing week.

Please note that to raise the issue of HIV testing with your patients, it can be helpful to understand whether it is clinically appropriate for that patient. A full list of HIV clinical indicator conditions is available here -

http://www.bhiva.org/documents/Guidelines/Testing/GlinesHIVTest08_Tables1-2.pdf - note that any STI diagnosis is a clinical indicator.

6. London Sexual Health Transformation Programme – October 2016 update

Londonwide LMCs has kept practices updated on the progress of the London Sexual Health Transformation Programme by including regular updates of the programme in the Londonwide LMCs newsletters. The most recent briefing is available [here](#) which includes the specific **South West London** update as follows:

SWL (and Hounslow) are committed to working together as a sub-region but there are no plans for a full SWL sub-region procurement. However, Wandsworth, Merton and Richmond will be producing an Inner SW sub regional Integrated Sexual Health Service to commence delivery in autumn 2017. These three boroughs intend to use the London E.healthcare services as the basis for the new system.

Sutton has recently procured an integrated service which commenced on 1 April 2016 and will be charging using Integrated Sexual Health Tariff (ISHT). Croydon have entered into a Section 75 Agreement with their current provider and will continue shadowing ISHT in 2016/17. Kingston has no plans for an at scale reconfiguration of its services. Hounslow have an integrated service contract ending in 2019.