

Lambeth LMC News

Chair: Dr Jennifer Law

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Co-Commissioning Level 2 or 3?

The six South East London CCGs have indicated that they would like to remain at level 2 (joint commissioning with NHSE London) rather than move to level 3 (fully delegated commissioning) at this stage. However, this would be wholly dependent on the views of CCG members and so consultation is currently underway in all areas. Even if CCGs remain at level 2 for now it does not stop CCGs moving to level 3 in the future.

South East London Primary Care Joint Committee

The second meeting of the South East London Primary Care Joint Committee took place on 6 August 2015. The meeting considered a paper on the governance and operating model which outlined what issues would come before the joint committee and how any urgent issues arising in between meetings of the joint committee be considered; a finance report; a quality and performance report and most importantly a paper on the PMS contract review although no detailed information was provided. The next meeting of the South East London Primary Care Joint Committee is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 29 September. The agenda and papers of these meetings can be accessed [here](#).

Londonwide LMCs support to South Sector Federations

On 22 September 2015 the LLMCs South Sector team facilitated a meeting to which all the Federation leads across South London were invited to support their development. The aim of the meeting was for the leads to share experiences to date and share any learning. The meeting was successful and it was agreed that the leads should continue to meet on a quarterly basis and that a list server for the leads be set up for them to discuss issues that arise in between meetings.

Important reminder that Friends and Family Test is a contractual requirement

Practices are reminded that it became a contractual requirement on 1 December 2014 for all GP practices to undertake NHS Friends and Family Tests (FFT) and for practices to submit data to NHS England on a monthly basis by the 12th working day of the month. Please note that if you fail to submit your FFT data for three consecutive months NHSE are threatening to issue breach notices.

PMS Contract Reviews

We are aware that NHSEL are still developing their Londonwide approach to this nationally driven exercise and that robust local borough £s per patient figures are still unavailable. The current LMC position is to ensure that LMC representation is made at any local negotiating group. The LMC understands that NHSEL are currently consulting with CCG about the application of premium funding; but as yet we do not know the outcomes of these discussions.

We will keep you posted as information is received.

Blue badges and Freedom Passes

The LMC understands that Lambeth Council is in the process of reviewing forms for blue badges and freedom passes in conjunction with London Councils. In the absence of an agreed fee for completing such reports the LMC's advice is that printing out the patient's medical summary is sufficient.

NHSEL have reported that 39% of practices across South London did not submit any data for June 2015.

Please remember that if even if you have no returns you need to submit this to demonstrate you are engaging in the process. Any returns fewer than 5 will not be counted as this potentially would enable patient identification, however you will have demonstrated engagement.

Please note that practices that have run out of FFT collection cards can request an additional 100 copies by contacting england.londonfft@nhs.net.

Further advice about the FFT requirements can be found [here](#).

Lambeth DataNet data sharing agreement

You will be aware that Lambeth CCG has relaunched the Lambeth DataNet with the aim of providing anonymised data available to the Federations and to support service commissioning for Lambeth CCG, public health and locally commissioned research into health inequalities. The LMC has been involved in extensive discussions with Lambeth CCG regarding the associated data sharing agreements. The LMC has carefully reviewed the data sharing agreements to ensure that they comply with information governance to minimise the risks to practices.

Local Care Record (formerly known as the Local United Care Record (LUCR))

The LMC has been involved in lengthy discussions over the past 18 months with Kings Health Partnership regarding the Local Care Record which allows GPs and staff directly involved in a patient's care at Guys's and St Thomas, King's College Hospital and South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trusts to share records safely online. Representatives from both Lambeth and Southwark LMCs and Londonwide LMCs have participated in the meetings of the working group which was set up to review the process including the development of an appropriate data sharing agreement. Some practices in Lambeth and Southwark are currently acting as test sites with a view to the all practices being given the opportunity to sign up in due course.

Delays in payments for public health locally commissioned services

The LMC has expressed concern to Lambeth Public Health regarding the payment delays to practices for the local commissioned services. The LMC has been advised that public health colleagues are continuing to work through the various issues with payments and have recently identified additional resources to help ensure payment issues are resolved as quickly as possible. Lambeth Public Health appreciates your patience with this matter and apologises for the time it is taking.

Housing letters

The LMC has contacted the Housing Department of Lambeth Council to explain that it is not part of a GP's core work to assist in housing applications and that GPs are not obliged to undertake this work. The LMC has also pointed out that if a GP provides a report he or she is entitled to claim for this.

SH24

Practices can obtain information about the SH24 scheme including posters and promotional information at www.sh24.org.uk.

LEAD events

Please take a look at the [annual programme of events for April 2015 to March 2016](#) to see if there is anything which catches your eye!

Going forward they are looking at stream-lining the payment and invoicing process to avoid similar problems in the future.

The Purchase Orders for 2015/16 are currently being raised and practices will be able to invoice for Q1 and Q2 via the RBS portal. Full invoicing instructions and guidance on the RBS portal will be sent out with the 15/16 Purchase Orders in the next few weeks. Please note that Purchase Orders can only be raised where contract extensions have been returned. If you have not returned a contract extension we would encourage you to do so as soon as possible. Please contact Patrick Dollard, Senior Commissioner (Primary Care), by emailing PDollard@lambeth.gov.uk or by phone on 020 7926 1048.

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The next Lambeth LMC meeting takes place on Tuesday 6 October 2015.

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