

City & Hackney LMC News Update – November 2020

Chair: Dr Vinay Patel - Vice Chair: Dr Fiona Sanders

Hi everyone

We've produced this brief newsletter to update you on recent LMC changes.

1. Message from Dr Fiona Sanders

After 6½ years as City and Hackney LMC Chair I have decided to step down to explore new things. It has been a great honour to represent such an amazing group of GPs.

Hackney is such a special place to work and despite all the difficulties and problems we all encounter we have managed to achieve great things by working together. Once again we are about to go through more change but I know City and Hackney will continue to thrive.

I will remain on the committee as Vice Chair until the end of my term in August of next year to support our new Chair Vinay Patel who I know will do a great job and I will continue work on behalf of you all so please do feel free to email me if you have any concerns or issues which the LMC might be able to support you with.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for all the support you shown me over the years. You are a fantastic group of people.

2. New City & Hackney LMC Chair – Dr Vinay Patel

I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Chair of City & Hackney LMC.

I would first like to thank Fiona for her work over the last six years leading our LMC and representing the voice of City & Hackney GPs so effectively. Fiona will remain on the committee as Vice Chair until the next election cycle (Summer 2021) to aid my transition and continue to be involved in the ongoing discussions and projects we are working on as a committee.

I have been a member of C&H LMC since October 2018, at the same time that I joined the Partnership at Stamford Hill Group Practice, and I am committed to the long-term success and progress of Primary Care in C&H.

I am also Clinical Director of Springfield Park PCN and recently appointed Clinical Director of Woodberry Wetlands PCN, both joint roles with Dr Tehseen Khan of Spring Hill Practice. C&H LMC are now actively working with all your PCN CDs so that we can draw on the expertise at the LMC, with our knowledge of London-wide developments, to ensure we in City & Hackney take full advantage of what the PCN DES can offer to support GP workload and improve your patient population health needs.

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Tower Hamlets LMC members

Dr Vinay Patel (Chair)
Dr Fiona Sanders (Vice Chair)
Dr Carmel Beadle
Dr Nicholas Brewer
Dr Kaicond Kugathas
Dr Nick Mann
Dr Gopal Mehta
Dr Ben Molyneux
Dr Francesca Silman
Dr Amy Adesara (GP Trainee)
Colin Jacobs, Practice Manager

To get in touch with your representative or to raise any matters with the LMC contact Wendy Walker (wendy.walker@lmc.org.uk) or telephone 020 3818 6262.

GP Support

The GP Support Team are here to provide advice and support to any practice or individual GP.

To raise any confidential matters regarding your practice contact GPSupport@lmc.org.uk or visit their page on our [website](#) for further contact details.

The role, of course, is more diverse than supporting Partners and PCNs. I have experience of working in C&H for the last eight years: locum sessions across the borough, two separate two-year regular locum posts and four years salaried at SHGP before joining the Partnership two years ago. I also have experience of working across London in out of hours settings and as a GP in A&E departments. This clinical background has given me comprehensive insight into the challenges that face all of our GP colleagues and I will use my influence to support the needs of trainee, locum and salaried GPs.

I am proud to say that we enjoy a diverse committee of members who have a variety of roles and responsibilities outside of their LMC commitments which they use to inform our rich discussions on all the issues affecting Primary Care. We will continue to work hard to represent you.

Times are hard right now and it feels like our role is changing week by week. City & Hackney LMC will be at the forefront of all national and local developments. We will be meeting our system partners at least once a month to share information and to ensure that local policies are made with GP's views fully considered. I will also be meeting our NEL counterparts fortnightly and Londonwide colleagues bi-monthly to follow developments further afield.

I plan to be visible and approachable in this new role, so please do get in touch should you or your practice require LMC support.

3. Thanks to Dr Ben Molyneux – former LMC Vice Chair

We'd also like to take this opportunity to thank Ben Molyneux for the last four years as Vice Chair. Ben will remain on the committee as an LMC member.

4. Living Guide – Londonwide LMC Guides

We have created a new interactive Covid-19 Vaccination Guide and dedicated website [Living Guide – Londonwide LMCs Guides](#), for guidance for practices.

LEAD Events

Londonwide Enterprise Ltd (LEL) was set up to provide affordable, high quality training and educational events for practice teams.

The Learning Education and Development (LEAD) team is always keen to hear what training is really needed on the ground – get in touch with any ideas by emailing lead@lmc.org.uk

Upcoming Events:

Demystifying Partnerships
1:30 - 4:30pm Wednesday 2 December 2020

Contraception Update
9:15 am – 1:30 pm Tuesday 12 January 2021

Practice Support – Hot topics
9:30am – 12:30pm Wednesday 20 January 2021

England LMC Conference – Friday 27 November 2020

The England LMC conference was held on Friday and we will update you on motions that have been passed in our next newsletter.

Contact us

City & Hackney Local Medical Committee, Londonwide LMCs, Tavistock House, Tavistock Square, LONDON WC1H, 9HX. www.lmc.org.uk

The next LMC meeting takes place on Wednesday 2 December 2020.

City & Hackney LMC Team

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Dr Fiona Sanders – City & Hackney LMC, Vice Chair

[Dr Elliott Singer](#) - Medical Director

[Greg Cairns](#) - Director of Primary Care Strategy

[Dr Shabnam Quraishi](#) – Associate Medical Director

[Wendy Walker](#) - Committee Liaison Executive

Dates of Future 2020

Meetings:

Wednesday 16 December

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