

# Hillingdon LMC News Update

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## 1. Funding your practice is entitled to – check you know

Changes to the GP contract for 17/18 negotiated by the BMA secured additional funding in a number of areas. Check you are receiving these:

- Reimbursement for practices' CQC fees
- Cover for rise in indemnity fees
- GP sickness cover reimbursement
- Maternity payments – no longer subject to a pro-rata reimbursement
- Learning disabilities DES – increase from £116 to £140 / health check

The full list and more detail of these changes can be found [HERE](#)

## 2. PMS Review – where are we now?

NHS England's national PMS Review's stated aim is to give equality of opportunity to all GP practices (PMS and GMS) to deliver services, beyond core, funded by redistributed PMS premium funding. PMS practices will be offered the new national core contract. The new PMS contract will mirror the GMS contract and does not include any additional elements to attract any additional funding. PMS practices are to be offered the opportunity to deliver services funded through reinvestment of their borough's PMS premium funds.

CCGs are leading the PMS contract review which is subject to an assurance process undertaken by NHSE and LLMC. The assurance framework will assure the current commissioning intentions for the PMS premium so that it is fully reinvested in general practice. Once this phase of the process is complete, the LMC will be offering support to practices for any meetings with the CCG in relation to the PMS offer. GMS practices will also be offer the same services and hence have equal opportunity to access the borough PMS premium fund.

## 3. Relocating your practice premises anytime soon?

Practices should be aware that before planning to relocate their premises or agree a new lease, they need to seek approval from NHSE. Failure to do so contravenes NHSE regulations and may jeopardise CCG/NHSE agreeing future investment and notional rent payments.

Londonwide LMCs' GP Support section at [Gpsupport@lmc.org.uk](mailto:Gpsupport@lmc.org.uk) can give advice to practices on how to manage this process, pitfalls to avoid or support that may be available if a practice is in difficulties through failing to follow proper procedure.

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## LMC buddy list

The latest buddy list can be accessed [HERE](#).

## 4. Latent TB screening

Following repeated representations to the CCG that testing for latent TB is inadequately paid, the LMC has been glad to note that the primary care contract for 2017-18 includes an uplift in payment for Latent TB for initial testing from £20 per patient to £50 per patient and removal of the cap.

## 5. NWL CCGs' proposals to reduce prescribing

GP practices in Hillingdon have been asked to feedback comments to NWL CCGs about proposals to save money by reducing prescribing. This entails GPs asking patients if they are willing to buy certain medicines over the counter, and not routinely prescribing a list of other medicines that can be bought without a prescription. The LMC is concerned that these proposals undermine NHS principles 'to provide a comprehensive service, available to all' and will put an inappropriate responsibility on GPs to make a judgement on whether a patient has the means to buy a medication further adding to an already heavy workload. NWL LMCs' feedback to this consultation can be read [HERE](#)

## 6. Mental Health and Wellbeing Plan for NW London

A new model for Mental Health in Primary Care has been proposed by CCGs in NW London. This will involve the development of a wraparound plan for mental health in primary care which may see stable patients currently in secondary care managed in primary care. A Hillingdon Primary Care Mental Health team will be recruited to support further integration of secondary and primary care. In response to these proposals, Hillingdon LMCs has advised the CCG that training must be put in place before any patients are discharged into primary care in order for GPs to meet their GMC obligations not to take on work for which they are unskilled. We have also asked the CCG to confirm that there will be no increment in the indemnity fees for GPs who take on this secondary care work, and, if there are, that the CCG will take responsibility for covering it.

## Goodbye to the GPs' champion

Chris Jowett, Hillingdon GP, long-time member of the LMC, and untiring advocate for the cause of general practice in Hillingdon, died on 27 May. He was 'a stout defender of all GPs, principals, salaried and sessional, in their role as providers of Family Medicine' in the words of Dr Eleanor Scott, LMC Secretary. He will be missed.

## CQC registration fees reimbursement

The GMS contract changes for 2017/18 includes full reimbursement of CQC registration fees. Read more on how to claim

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