



Londonwide LMCs

The professional voice of London general practice

Your new LMC

The new LMC met for the first time on the 9 September and is keen to recruit two more GPs and a GP trainee to its membership. If you are interested and would like further details about joining the LMC please get in touch with [Sarah Ocran](#). We are also keen to hear from our local GPs and practice teams about any issues you are facing, your LMC members can be contacted via Sarah.

Dr Cindy Cohen	Archway Medical Centre/ North Islington PCN
Dr Tamsin Ellis	The Village Practice/ North Islington PCN
Dr Simon Hazelwood, Vice Chair	Ritchie Street Practice/ South Islington PCN
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David Cole, Practice Manager rep	The Rise Group/ North Islington PCN
Charlotte Cooley, GP Nurse rep	The Amwell Practice/ South Islington

Local priorities

It is a priority for the LMC to reinforce the importance of having a unified voice for general practice and to work with PCN Clinical Directors and members of the federation to campaign for the best outcomes for practices and their patients. We will also continue to engage with a wide range of stakeholders on the issues affecting general practice including colleagues from NCL and Islington borough integrated care teams, public health, Local Pharmacy Committee representatives and councillors.

Thank you for those of you who contact LMC committee members about issues as they arise. We rely on you to know where support is needed and are grateful for your queries.

Recent and current areas where LMC members are engaged:

- Improving the MSK service communication with patients and GPs.
- Working with council, CCG and other partners to find rapid and long-term estates solutions for practices.
- Simplifying the digital access fund offer for practices.
- Working at Whittington and UCH interface to:
 - address blood test operational issues,
 - address unfunded workload transfer, and
 - address sending of duplicate results.
- Working at an NCL level as an observer on the forming GP Provider Alliance.
- Maintaining oversight of the CCG's plan to support for practices for winter.
- Working at an NCL level with CCG, including the digital team, to address IT performance issues.
- Liaising with CCG in response to NHS 111 pilot offer to mitigate impact on practices and seek better understanding of the underlying issues.
- Contributing to steering group of Islington Training Hub with a focus on specific outcomes to improve recruitment and retention.
- Working with council on promotion of self-care pharmacy first (formerly the minor ailments scheme) and of Self Care Week.
- Working with council on their forms that request GPs certify severe mental illness for council tax rebate.
- Representing Islington GPs at the England LMC conference where GP committee policy is developed.
- Working with Public Health to improve sexual health and substance misuse services and protect practice income e.g. around impact of blood bottle shortages on NHS health checks, and ensure there are resources for weight management programmes.

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