

# Islington LMC- Your LMC Working for You

Chair: Dr Grace McGeoch

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## 1. Your LMC

Dear Islington Colleagues

As you may well know, Dr Robbie Bunt has retired. As the new Islington LMC Chair I would like to take this opportunity to thank Robbie for his tireless dedication and leadership for the LMC and all our Islington GPs. In particular I want to recognise his legacy of the Islington Locally Commissioned Services portfolio. I would also like to thank the Londonwide LMC team for their continued focus and support while events move at pace.

About myself, I have lived and worked locally for almost 10 years. Formerly a partner at The Goodinge Group Practice, I am now a sessional GP currently working as a maternity locum at St Johns Way Medical Centre, as well as a GP appraiser in North London. My non-clinical roles are motivated by wanting to support my colleagues and contribute to the development of a thriving profession.

Robbie and I went to the LMC conference at the end of November which made headlines with a controversial motion about home visits. It is clear there are strong and differing opinions amongst GPs on how to tackle the problems that we are being asked to solve by the wider system. My aim as Chair of the Islington LMC is to make stronger connections between representatives of general practice so that where possible we have a unified voice. In the context of the merger of CCGs across North Central London it is really important that the LMC, the Federation, and Clinical Directors of Primary Care Networks work together to represent you.

I would like to hear your thoughts about general practice in Islington. Please email me and I can ring you or visit your practice. Please also speak with your colleagues and other LMC representatives so we can make some meaning of current events.

Yours sincerely  
Dr Grace McGeoch

## 2. LMC Membership

Islington LMC is looking for a GP to join the committee; you will be expected to bring issues affecting general practice in your locality to the notice of the LMC and representing the views of constituents in line with the [roles and responsibilities](#).

If you are looking for a new opportunity to be involved in the politics of general practice in Islington, or want more information, please contact [Joni Wilson-Kaye](#). 2020 is LMC election year, nominations for the committee will open in April with the final membership of the committee confirmed in June. Further

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**'Let's Stick Together', Londonwide LMCs' 2020 annual conference at The Brewery on Tuesday 10 March 2020.**

The day-long, free to attend conference will focus on a number of areas:

- Transformation and collaboration
- People and the profession
- Patients and access
- Practical resources to help practice teams

Constituents of Londonwide LMCs can attend free of charge. We do not accept bookings from non-constituents and we reserve the right to cancel your booking.

information will be sent out nearer the time on how to stand but if you think you may be interested in joining the LMC and would like to observe a meeting please contact [Joni Wilson-Kaye](#) to arrange this.

### 3. LMC Priorities

The LMC is keen to support the primary care networks (PCNs) of Islington as they develop and is looking at ways to build closer working links with the PCN clinical directors. If you have any queries or areas relating to PCNs that you would like LMC support on please contact [Dami Akanbi](#).

Following the recent vote of practices across the five boroughs in North Central London (NCL) the CCGs will be merging to form one CCG from April 2020. The LMC will continue to lobby to ensure Islington practices are fairly represented in any NCL CCG plans going forwards and at a borough level. We will be watching the development of borough partnerships closely to make sure that practices views are taken into consideration when plans for local services are under discussion.

### 4. NCL Digital Workstreams

There are a number of NHS Digital workstreams that are and will continue to impact on practices. In view of this the NCL LMC Chairs and Vice-Chairs have met with the key members of the NHS digital team driving these workstreams forwards across the sector. Londonwide LMCs are working on a checklist outlining all areas of information governance that practices will need to be aware of. Including areas that relate to:

- Health Information Exchange (HIE)
- HealthIntent
- GP Connect
- Doctor Link
- Online access

We will provide a further update from the meeting but if you do have any queries please contact [Joni Wilson-Kaye](#) at the Londonwide LMCs office.

#### Contact us

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**The next Islington LMC meeting takes place on 13 February 2020**

Islington LMC Team

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**The following Londonwide LMCs' training events are scheduled, for further information see [here](#)**

Contraception update for GPs and practice nurses  
1.00pm to 4.30pm  
Thursday 6 February 2020

**Londonwide LMCs offers three online training programmes for further details about each programme click on the links below:**

**[Healthcare Assistants](#)**  
**[Practice Nurses](#)**  
**[Practice Managers](#)**

For further details about any of the training events/ programmes contact the [LEAD](#) team.