

KCW and H&F LMC News Update

July/August 2017

Chair: Dr Paul O'Reilly

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1. Shared care protocols

Shared care protocols are increasingly used to transfer care from hospitals into general practice, including the prescribing of specialist medication.

It is important to note practices are not obliged to participate in shared care arrangements, which are voluntary. Shared care arrangements require additional competencies, and it is important that GPs do not undermine care for patients by feeling pressured to treat beyond their knowledge and skills. Shared care arrangements also require additional GP, nurse and administration time, and it is important that practices do not take on this additional optional work beyond their capacity to deliver. Practices should receive resources to provide this extra service, so that current staff are not diverted away from providing core needs of patients.

If the GP decides not to participate, the clinical responsibility for the patient remains with the specialist service. See LLMC's [GPSOE resources](#) for further information and a template letter which you may use to refuse a request.

2. Sessional GPs and Indemnity Reimbursements from NHS England

As part of the 2017/18 GP contract agreement, it was agreed that £30m would be paid to practices to cover 2016/17 rises in indemnity insurance costs for all doctors delivering GMS work.

This is paid directly to practices on a per patient basis and is intended to benefit salaried and locum GPs as well as partners. These payments are made to practices on the assumption that, where salaried GPs (and principals) are paying for part, or all of their indemnity costs, the practice will reimburse to them, from the payment received, an appropriate proportion of the amount which the GP has paid for their cover.

The reimbursement amount should be based on the proportion of GMS services which the GP is providing for the practice. It is recognised that every practice will have its own arrangements in place.

See [LLMC guidance](#) for further information on this and advice for locum GPs

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3. Hospital Trust GP liaison service

KCW and H&F LMC has received positive reports that the GP liaison service at Imperial has been active in facilitating improvements to patient care at an individual and organisational level. While this has been welcomed by the committee, it was concerned by reports that the GP liaison service email address at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital would no longer be regularly monitored. H&F Vice Chair Dr Kyla Furness has raised this with ChelWest CEO Lesley Watts and received assurance that the email address will be regularly monitored in future.

4. Lease negotiations

If you are coming to the end of your lease or have been offered a ~~(new)~~ Heads of Terms or a new lease (including those based on the national template lease negotiated between the BMA and NHSPS) it is vital that you do not sign unless and until you fully understand and are content with your potential liabilities. If you already have a lease, the terms may include a section covering 'holding over' with terms/conditions that apply until a new lease has been agreed. You are advised to contact gpsupport@lmc.org.uk in the first instance to discuss this further. A lease is a legally binding document with significant legal and financial implications for the practice, so you are also advised to obtain your own independent legal advice on your individual circumstances before you sign. Please ensure you use specialist lawyers with expertise in GP premises issues.

5. Training opportunities for practice staff

Londonwide Enterprise Ltd (LEL) was set up to provide affordable, high quality training and educational events for practice teams. Please see the list of upcoming events:

- Child and adolescent learning disabilities awareness training - FREE EVENT 10.00am to 2.30pm Thursday 28 September 2017
- Child and adolescent learning disabilities awareness training - FREE EVENT 10.00am to 2.30pm Wednesday 8 November 2017

6. CQC registration fees reimbursement scheme claim process

The GMS contract changes for 2017/18 includes full reimbursement of Care Quality Commission (CQC) registration fees. Read details on the LLMC website [here](#).

PCSE/Capita issues

KCW LMC Vice Chair and GPC Sessional Subcommittee deputy Chair Dr Krishan Aggarwal provides an update in his blog on discussions with NHSE/PCSE which are particularly relevant for sessional GPs. His blog available on the BMA website. [Read it here](#)

Premises update July 2017

This month's update include advice on:

- London policy for accessing financial support for service charges and premises running costs
- How to plan a premises relocation
- Lease negotiations
- Transitional funding arrangements
- Current charges including historical subsidies

See [full details here](#).

Visit www.GPSOE.org.uk to help you through this state of emergency

- Letter templates
- Guidance
- Posters

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