

# KCW and H&F LMC News Update

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## 1. PMS contract review update

LMCs and Londonwide LMCs have been working extremely hard in a difficult NHS financial environment, applying the following principles to the PMS "Premium" proposals put forward by your CCG:

- Monies must remain within PMS and GMS practice contracts and not lost to "the system"
- Service Specifications and KPIs for redistributed PMS premium monies must be "within the gift of practices to achieve"
- General Practice must not be destabilised by the workload or financial bottom lines.

The PMS review process includes the following agreed steps:

1. Local engagement with practices and the LMC from which a plan for the use of redistributed PMS premium monies would be included in commissioning intentions
2. Joint Assurance of those plans in accordance with agreed criteria including as above.
3. A 2-week period for Londonwide to review the contracts for PMS core and premium services – the latter being LCSs for GMS practices - are safe for practices and continue to meet the criteria
4. A 3 month period for PMS practices to consider the contract offer.

Currently the progress of all NWL CCGs PMS proposals towards the next stage in the PMS review process is subject to NHSE / LLMC assurance.

## 2. Shared care arrangements and unfunded work

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.

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### 3. Strategic issues and local developments

#### Developing further collaborative working across North West London CCGs

North West London GPs are being asked to vote shortly on a proposal to make changes to the CCG constitution to develop further collaborative working across NW London CCGs. This proposal will enable all 8 CCGs to work collaboratively through a single decision-making joint committee to commission services identified as suitable for a joint NW London approach. The LMC have [summarised the main points](#) for you to help you consider what is being proposed and suggested questions to ask your CCG.

#### The Partnership in Practice contract

You will have received a letter from Central London CCG on 29 September on the process the CCG intends to follow to procure a contract for the provision of enhanced services for patients in Central London CCG for 2018/19 and 2019/20. This is being called the Partnership in Practice contract. You will also have received a 'Notice of changes to the commissioned contract' letter, which serves notice of intended changes to the current Out of Hospital contracts. LLMC emailed all practices on 6 October with advice on how to respond to ensure that, whilst being able to express an interest, the practice will still be able to make later business and service decisions in an informed manner when further detailed information is available. The LMC is working closely with CLH to advise on how the CCGs intentions can be implemented safely for practices and will keep constituents informed

### 4. Chairs and Vice Chairs look at cross-LMC working

Last week's meeting of Londonwide LMCs' leaders looked at cross-LMC working, to make sure we are ready to represent members as the NHS brings in new organisations as part of the STP process. The meeting looked at the challenges London general practice currently faces, including from the national transformation agenda and 'at-scale' provision, accountable care systems (ACS) and the need for more focus at STP level. Recent successes were discussed, including aligning the strategic plan closely to GP needs, keeping PMS funds in general practice and increasing our influence within the health system. Attendees then looked at what natural groupings of LMCs there are and how working in groups would allow them to better represent their constituents.

#### *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. Part 5 of his blog available on the [BMA website](#).

#### *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:

- Practice Manager Conference: Workforce, Wellbeing, Improvement 9.30am to 4.15, 22 November 2017
- Using GMC Guidance in General Practice 1.30pm to 4.30, 6 December 2017
- Introduction to Medical Terminology 9.00am to 4.00, 13 December 2017
- Safeguarding Adults L3 9.30am to 4.30, 24 January 2018

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