

City & Hackney LMC News Update – February 2022

Chair: Dr Vinay Patel

1. Welcome to new LMC members

Londonwide LMCs' election process is now complete and our new LMC committee members, Lindsay Angel, Senthil Kumar, Li Chun Low, Henna Sinha, Rosalind Briggs, Grace Howson and Geetha Kahir have joined our existing members for the two-year term.

2. Farewell to departing members

City & Hackney LMC said farewell to Dr Nicholas Mann and Dr Benjamin Molyneux. We thank you for your many years of dedication and contributions to City & Hackney LMC and send our best wishes to you for the future.

3. LARC payments

This paragraph supersedes the paragraph in the previous version of the February 2022 news update.

Working with the GP Confederation, the LMC secured improvements to the scheme for payments for LARC services. It is now proposed to offer higher payments for inter-practice referrals. This better supports the shared goal of offering family planning services from more practices for patients who wish to access these close to home.

4. COVID Exemptions

There is an NHS process for Covid exemptions; the patient has an initial 119 discussion and (if it is thought they may be exempt) is given a form to send to the GP. The GP then reviews for a medical exemption and enters this on the SCR. See [Summary Care Record application \(SCRa\) COVID-19 Exemptions Information - NHS Digital](#).

There is a payment for this, which is for the work whether the GP deems the patient exempt or not. See [COVID-19 vaccination exemptions - COVID-19: toolkit for GPs and GP practices - BMA](#) for more details.

5. Connecting GPs with HIV consultants

There is a 6 month pilot funded by Fast-Track Cities London to connect GPs directly to an HIV consultant while a patient is with them in an appointment. The scheme is to provide all GPs in London rapid access to HIV telephone advice and guidance via Consultant Connect (www.consultantconnect.org.uk). You can find out more at www.fasttrackcities.london.

The LMC last met on 2 February. Key items discussed at the meeting and news include:

1. Welcome
2. Farewell to departing members
3. LARC payments
4. COVID exemptions
5. Connecting GPs with HIV consultants
6. NEL Integrated Care System
7. Income protection
8. Advice & Guidance
9. Beam to LMC app
10. NEL LIS Equalisation
11. Registering patients
12. Community Pharmacy Consultation Service
13. Your LMC and YOU

The Next City & Hackney LMC meeting will be on Wednesday 6 April. If you wish to observe the meeting, or to contact or raise any matters with the LMC, please contact Ian Williamson by email (ian.williamson@lmc.org.uk) or telephone 07458 143 916.

City & Hackney LMC members

Dr Vinay Patel (Chair)
Dr Lindsey Angel
Dr Nicholas Brewer
Dr Senthil Kumar
Dr Li Chun Low
Dr Gopal Mehta
Dr Emma Richardson
Dr Henna Sinha
Dr Rosalind Briggs, GP Registrar
Dr Grace Howson, GP Registrar
Geetha Kahir, Practice manager

6. NEL Integrated Care System

The North East London ICS is due to replace NEL CCG later this year, where local authorities, acute trusts and community providers will work together with primary care to provide health and care in local communities. The replacement date has recently been postponed from April to July.

Zina Etheridge has been announced as the ICS Chief Executive and further appointments are expected as the ICS begins to take shape.

Partnerships and boards are being established at NEL level, which will include the three sub-systems: City & Hackney; Tower Hamlets, Newham and Waltham Forest (TNW); and Barking, Havering and Redbridge (BHR). The LMC is working to secure a strong place for general practice in these evolving structures.

7. Income protection

The LIS/LES income protection arrangements will be in place until 31 March. Discussions are ongoing with the CCG but it is expected that LIS and LES monitoring and results-based payment will resume in the new financial year.

8. Advice & Guidance

A specification has been issued for Advice & Guidance. The LMC has fed back on the spec and agreed with the CCG that there is no need for practices to fill out information about PCN governance arrangements.

The LMC is also in discussions with Barts Health about their A&G policy. Concerns have been raised and the intention is to ensure the future rollout of services will have accompanying pathways with appropriate systems to assist.

9. BEAM to LMC App

Beam to LMC is a mobile app to help hard-pressed GPs and practice teams to highlight the pressure they are under from commissioners and others by taking control of their workload and sharing those requests in real time. Click on the link for more details to [Beam to LMC](#)

10. NEL LIS Equalisation Programme

North East London ICS will be seeking to equalise the funding for around 150 LIS schemes across NEL, which will be reviewed in a three-year programme, and prioritised by local need.

Safeguarding, phlebotomy and the duty doctor scheme are the first three services to be looked at and will be followed by mental health and diabetes. Each review will be carried out by a task and finish group with LMC representation.

11. Registering patients

The LMC confirmed with the CCG that practices do not need to see ID or proof of address before registering patients. ID may be required to set up for online services, but it should not be a barrier to registering as a patient.

GP Support

The GP Support Team are here to provide advice and support to any practice or individual GP.

To raise any confidential matters regarding your practice contact GPSupport@lmc.org.uk or visit their page on our [website](#) for further contact details.

LEAD Events

Londonwide Enterprise Ltd (LEL) was set up to provide affordable, high quality training and educational events for practice teams.

The Learning Education and Development (LEAD) team is always keen to hear what training is really needed on the ground – get in touch with any ideas by emailing lead@lmc.org.uk

Upcoming Events:

Managing Patient Conflict Part 2 – Secondary Intervention
10.00am to 12.00pm Tuesday 15 February 2022

Managing Patient Conflict Part 2 – Secondary Intervention
10.00am to 12.00pm Tuesday 12 February 2022

Owning your practice premises - The essentials
1.30pm to 4.30pm Thursday 24 February 2022

Managing Patient Conflict Part 3 - Tertiary Interventions
12.00pm to 2.00pm Tuesday 15 March 2022

Cytology Update
9.30am to 1.45pm Thursday 17 March 2022

For more information and more events, visit the [LEAD page](#).

12. Community Pharmacy Consultation Service

The LMC has had mixed reports about the results GPs are getting from this service, but here are some tips for getting the most from it, based on the experience of Cranwich Road Surgery. Cranwich say they have saved hundreds of appointments since November.

Enable reception staff to know when to refer to CPCS

- Put the CPCS condition list where reception staff can see it, such as on a notice board
- Train reception staff with a dialogue – minor conditions and OTC medicine to go through CPCS unless patient is very worried

Monitor pharmacy response and intervene if necessary

- Expect the pharmacy to email or communicate the outcome to the practice for the patient record
- Contact the pharmacy if none received

Initially, until good working is established with the pharmacy, consider checking with patients to ensure they have had the communication and help they need.

13. Your LMC and YOU

We now have a newly-elected LMC keen to connect with GPs across the area. As a local GP you have a unique insight into General Practice in your neighbourhood.

Working in General Practice is harder than ever; we have all suffered stress, strain and loss in recent times. However, there is no-one better suited than grass-roots GPs to highlight the pressures on our practices, patients and colleagues. Together we can continue to find solutions, to safeguard our profession.

We urge you to get in touch with any of the LMC members or other contacts in this newsletter to give your views on matters of concern to you and your practice.

You are also welcome to observe an LMC meeting. Meetings are currently held online with the dates listed below. Please feel free to contact us if you would like to come along.

England LMC Conference

Thursday/Friday 24 and 15 November

Here is a sample of resolutions from the recent England LMC Conference:

NHSE Access Plan

That conference rejects the NHSE plan for improve access for patients supporting general practice published on 14th October 2021, will not accept the money and will not comply with the stipulations therein.

Proposed by Jackie Applebee, Tower Hamlets
Carried

Integrated Care Systems (ICS)

That conference recognised that GP representation in the new Integrated Care Systems is unclear and variable and demands that GPC England negotiate with NHSEI that:

- (i) all Integrated Care Systems should outline how they will enable LMCs to carry out their statutory role
- (ii) there should be no mandated limit on the number of general practice representatives on both NHS and Place Boards and general practice alone should decide who represents them within an ICS
- (iii) national funding for GPs roles in system and place leadership be made available
- (iv) funding must be ring fenced for enhanced services that are currently commissioned from general practice through locally commissioned services
- (v) where collaboration and streamlining of pathways involves work transferring to general practice from secondary care, funding and resource follows from funding previously aligned to secondary care budgets.

Proposed by David Herold, Worcestershire

Carried

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Dates of future meetings:

Wednesday 6 April 2022

Wednesday 1 June 2022

Wednesday 3 August 2022

Wednesday 5 October 2022

Wednesday 7 December 2022