



Kent Local Medical Committee

Supporting list based personalised care, the partnership model and meaningful collaboration

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Dear Friends and Colleagues

I am writing to you, on behalf of Kent LMC, to reiterate our unwavering support for General Practice and all the people who make it great. The country and our NHS is under unprecedented pressures and we are doing everything to support General Practice in these difficult times.

As you are aware the real crisis is still ahead of us and the Coronavirus cases are likely to increase in coming weeks. We need to be prepared to support our teams and patients during this time.

Kent LMC has negotiated a [financial support package](#) with the Kent and Medway CCG which will provide stability to practices, initially for 3 months. This means that practices will continue to be funded in exactly the same way as before.

This financial support will help us in two ways. Firstly, this should provide security to all the people employed and dependent on General Practice. Practices do not need to worry about financial security and can focus on the significant job at hand. Secondly, along with the [guidance to cease non-essential activity](#), it will help release some capacity in practices which can be utilised where it is needed most in dealing with the pandemic.

I am confident that General Practice is, and will be, standing shoulder to shoulder with our colleagues in other parts of the NHS in this time of crisis. You are not alone in this and Kent LMC will continue to look after your best interests and safety. **The wellbeing of GPs and our teams is the biggest priority for the LMC. We will not support any initiative that compromises the safety of our colleagues.**

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your hard work and dedication. While GPs and our clinical colleagues are the face of General Practice we know that we are only effective due to the hard work of all the unsung heroes in our teams from cleaning teams, practice managers, administrators, secretaries to practice nurses. Can I ask you to please pass our gratitude to all the members of your team.

If you need any help or support from the LMC please email us on info@kentlmc.org

Wishing you all the very best. Stay safe.

Best wishes

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Chairman, Kent LMC