



Kent Local Medical Committee

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

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To All Kent & Medway GP Practices

Dear Colleagues

We are aware that practices have been very concerned regarding their financial security due to the impact of Covid-19 on the services.

Following discussions with the CCG around financial arrangements for General Practice we have been reassured that the CCG want to maintain financial security for general practice providers by ensuring costs are covered and the services are sustainable for the future.

As notified yesterday the CCG have agreed to pay for the LESs and DESs until July 2020 under the current arrangements as a monthly block payment (covering the activity in June 2020). These payments will also continue for activity period from July until end of October (last planned payment will be in November 2020 under this arrangement). This will support the restore programme in General Practice. A clinical working group from the CCG and LMC will review these services to look at which services are essential and what spare capacity, paid under the financial package, can be utilised for Covid response. Practices will also continue to be paid for AQP and all other contracts until July 2020 under the current arrangements as a monthly block payment (covering the activity in June 2020) without requiring financial reconciliation. For the period from July to end of October the CCG will be looking to align the process with other providers of AQP contracts. The details are being worked through and will be available within the next two weeks. The CCG has assured us that they will take all appropriate actions to keep the services sustainable by covering the costs incurred by the practices during this period.

We hope this will help address your concerns and questions. We recognise that practices need more clarity and detail on this process and we are working with the CCG continuously to make sure practices are protected in these difficult times. We will share more information as we get it.

If you have a queries please contact us at info@kentlmc.org.

Best wishes

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