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Dear Colleagues

We hope that colleagues have stayed safe over the very windy weekend. Here are the updates for last week.

Kent & Medway Care Record (KMCR) and DOCMAN sharing is live (update article of 7th February)

In our LMC Express newsletter on the 7th February we advised you to contact the Docman Cloud Ops Team to switch off sharing. You are able to switch this off yourself without contacting Docman by following this video <https://help.docman.com/knowledge-base/docman-share-set-up-in-emis-web/>

The full article from the 7th February can be found here <https://tinyurl.com/2p9aaa6f>

Kent and Medway CCG and LMC Liaison meeting, 17 February 2022

Paul Bentley was warmly welcomed to his first liaison meeting since being appointed Designate Chief Executive of the new Kent and Medway NHS Integrated Care Board (ICB). The ICB is currently in shadow form and is recruiting to senior roles. 5 Non-Executive Directors have been appointed and will start their role on 1 March 2022. You can find out more about them [here](#). Other Executive Director posts are currently being recruited 2, including 2 GP roles for the ICB. Currently the 'go live' date for the ICB is 1 July but there is potential for it to be delayed as the legislation has not yet been approved.

Paul listened keenly to a briefing on the work of the Kent and Medway GP Board and enthused about the importance of a forum for broad representation of general practice, and that having a strong cohesive GP voice and representation in the ICB will be crucial to its success.

Pippa Harrington joined the meeting to provide an update on the future of covid vaccination services. National planning guidance was expected soon and the CCG has been working with the 4 Health and Care Partnerships who will lead on developing local arrangements. Generally it seems that HCPs will follow a hub and spoke approach with the ability for rapid mobilisation of capacity should there be new variants of concern. The LMC queried the potential for co-administration of flu and Covid vaccines, emphasising that flu was an important component of the general practice offer.

Simon Dunn described the work occurring to boost recruitment. The scheme will seek to rope in local government and should include a 'golden hello' alongside a bundle of non-financial incentives such as support with finding school places, finding homes, career

mentoring and development, and flexible family employment. The scheme will be piloted first in the Medway and Swale HCP area.

Winter Access Fund

Please be aware that the CCG still has funding available to support practices with access challenges. The funding will not be available from 1 April 2022. If you are wondering whether the WAF may be able to help you please contact the LMC Office for advice or speak to your local CCG GP Contracts Manager.

CQC Inspections

Please be advised that the CQC has returned to business as usual and inspection activity has resumed.

Kind regards
Kent Local Medical Committee