



Dear Colleague

Welcome to this week's edition of the LMC Express.

The local updates for this week include:

- Summary of all GP contract changes England 2022/23
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Summary of all GP contract changes England 2022/23

Read guidance to understand the changes to the GP contract for 2022/23 and the impact on general practice [HERE](#).

PCN DES Summary of Changes for 2022/23

Enhanced Access

- Extended Hours and Improved access combined from Oct 22
- PCN to submit plan to commissioners by 31/7/22
- Plan to be agreed by 31/8/22
- Delivery to commence from 1/10/22
- Hours to be between 6.30pm – 8pm Mon to Fri and 9am – 5pm Saturdays
- Lots of rules around who/how/when appointments are bookable
- 60 minutes of appointments per 1000 PCN adjusted patients **per week**
- PCN responsible for ensuring no practice has ½ day closures

Early Cancer Diagnosis

- Improve referral rates for suspected and recurring cancers especially in disadvantaged areas
- Help to improve cervical & bowel screening uptake including follow up of non responders
- FIT test where appropriate
- Use Teledermatology where appropriate and available
- Increase proactive and opportunistic assessment for prostate cancer

CVD Prevention

- Improve identification of AF with pulse checks at BP appointments
- Use CVDPREVENT when available
- Support development of system pathways for those at risk of CVD
- Refer to Community Pharmacy BP check service where appropriate
- Identify 30+ with Cholesterol >9 and under 30s with Cholesterol >7.5
- Prescribe statins when QRisk 2&3 score $\geq 10\%$
- Earlier identification of HF including use of NTProBNP testing

Anticipatory Care

- PCNs to help commissioners develop plan to commence April 2023
- Anticipatory Care Operating Model due 22/23 to include:
 - How to identify patients
 - How data sharing will work
 - Minimum number of patients
 - How assessing, planning and intervention will work
 - How to engage patients
 - How to monitor and improve quality of service

Personalised Care

- By 30/9/22 work with others to improve access to Social Prescribing
- By 30/9/22 all PCN clinical staff to have completed Personalised Care Institute's 30min e-learning refresher on shared decision making
- 1/10/22 commence delivery of proactive social prescribing services
- By 31/3/23 extend the offer
- By 31/3/23 audit sample of patients experience of shared decision making using validated tool and document learning

ARRS

- Change in requirement for MH practitioners from Band 5 to Band 4 registered or non-registered to support adults not suitable for IAPT
- Increase from 1WTE to 2WTE MH practitioners per PCN

IIF

- NHSE have produced excellent summary on a page [here](#)

Other Resources

NHSE PCN DES Documentation: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/gp/investment/gp-contract/network-contract-directed-enhanced-service-des/>

BMA Summary of all Contract changes: <https://www.bma.org.uk/pay-and-contracts/contracts/gp-contract/gp-contract-changes-england-202223>

QoF targets for Childhood Vaccinations and Immunisations

The LMC are aware of the issues with difficulty in achieving the QoF points for childhood vaccs and imms with very high targets that are unachievable in some areas with certain populations. We, along with many other LMCs, have been raising this with the BMA GPC and the latest update is:

“GPC England are aware of the concerns that some practices and LMCs have raised with regards to the changes made to the childhood immunisation programme and associated QOF payments in April 2021, and are continuing to meet with NHSEI to discuss the issues and to seek possible solutions. We'll keep LMCs updated as progress is made.”

We would also like to remind you that when the old target system ceased, in addition to the QoF points, an item of service fee of £10.06 for each childhood immunisation dose delivered from April 2021 was introduced and is calculated via CQRS. This needs to be taken into account when considering whether your practice is out of pocket for childhood imms. (The full £10.06 is paid if 80% is achieved and partially paid if between 50% & 80% is achieved).

Reminder: Information Law Webinar with DR Solicitors - Wednesday 20th April 2022 at 12.30pm

Kent LMC, in conjunction with David Sinclair from DR Solicitors, will be hosting a webinar on Information Law. David Sinclair is a dual-qualified Information Law Solicitor and Information Security Practitioner. The webinar will include a brief update on NHS Digital's patient data extraction scheme and the Government's Data: A new direction proposals, Subject Access Requests (including when you can decline to respond, what data you have to provide, managing 'entwined data' and common pitfalls that land practices in trouble), Freedom of Information Requests from the media (including what constitutes a valid FOI request and what information LMCs, PCNs and Practices have to provide) in response to a request.

To Book a place please click [HERE](#)

Reminder: At Scale working: Practice mergers, super-partnerships, federations and PCNs Webinar: 18th May 2022 at 12.30pm

We are pleased to announce Kent LMC, in conjunction with Nils Christiansen from DR Solicitors, will be hosting a webinar on Practice Mergers. Nils Christiansen is the Managing Partner and co-founder of the DR Solicitors, and is an acknowledged expert on the NHS regulations and on the commercial environment in which GP practices and other primary care providers operate. Nils has supported numerous practice mergers, GP federations and super-partnerships on their growth strategies and advised clients faced with complex regulatory problems.

The webinar will look at the different forms of scale working in primary care, consider the pros and cons of each, and explain how they can all co-exist. We will examine the different possible entities for at-scale working, including limited liability entities, explain the different models for merging practices, and the steps for a successful merger, including setting out the pitfalls and how to avoid them.

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Kind regards

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