



3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022

Dear Colleague

Please see below amended edition of this week's LMC Express.

The local updates for this week include:

- Welcome to Kay Acott
- 2 Kent GPs elected to BMA UK Elections (**amended article**)
- General Practice resilience programme (GPRP) 2022/23
- Important updates NHSE&I
- How to keep yourself up to date with the latest changes in general practice
- Lung Cancer Lunch and Learn 4th May 2022
- PLT Arrangements - a message from the Kent & Medway Primary Care Training Hub
- PCN DES IIF (Investment and Impact Fund)
- At Scale working: Practice mergers, super-partnerships, federations and PCNs Webinar: 18th May 2022 at 12.30pm
- Kent LMC Annual Conference - 29th September 2022
- Invitation to nominate ICB Board GP Member

### Welcome to Kay Acott

Kent LMC are delighted to announce the recruitment of Kay Acott to the post of Practice Management Executive. Kay will be joining the team for 2 days a week, on a Monday and Thursday, commencing 5th May 2022. Kay is a very experienced Practice Manager and will work alongside Donna Clarke to provide invaluable support and guidance to general practice. On behalf of Kent LMC we warmly welcome Kay to our team and very much look forward to working with her.

### 2 Kent GPs elected to BMA UK Council

We are very pleased to report that Dr Gaurav Gupta (LMC Chairman, GPC England, and GP partner at Faversham Medical Practice) and Dr Reshma Syed (LMC Executive for Medway and Swale, PCN Clinical Director, and GP Partner at Grovehurst Surgery) have been elected to the BMA UK Council. They will serve a 4 year term from June 2022.

The UK Council brings together members from across all branches of practice, and is the principal executive committee of the trade union. It sets strategic direction of the association in line with policy decided by the representative body.

We are sure you will join us in congratulating them for their successful candidature.

### General practice resilience programme (GPRP) 2022/23

A reminder to all practices that if you wish to be considered for GPRP funding please complete the [self-referral application form](#) and send back to [kmccg.primarycare@nhs.net](mailto:kmccg.primarycare@nhs.net) by close of play on **Friday, 20 May 2022**.

The GPRP is one of the commitments originally made in the General Practice Forward View (GPFV) and is now embedded in primary care transformation to support struggling practices. The GPRP aims to deliver support that will help practices become more sustainable and resilient. It focuses on ensuring that practices are better placed to tackle the challenges they now face – including their recovery from the impact of Covid-19.

The CCG produced [GPRP - Principles and Process](#) to provide further background. The [national guidance and criteria](#) is the same as previous years.

The aim of the funding is that it is used to provide an agreed level of support to those practices that are considered to be in greatest need of receiving help.

If you have any questions regarding the programme, please contact Fay Lacey, Project Manager Primary Care Contracting on [kmccg.primarycare@nhs.net](mailto:kmccg.primarycare@nhs.net).

## Important updates NHSE&I

We want to draw your attention to the following updated from NHSEI, issued on 28 April 2022.

### **Accelerating patient access to their GP-held records**

*General practices were previously informed that from April there will be system changes for all practices using TPP and EMIS systems to provide all patients with easy access to their future health records. GPs will be informed of the go-live date (now expected summer 2022) with 2 months' notice and provided with resources to support preparations.*

*Educational sessions have been held to support staff with this change. Over 40% of practices have already attended at least one webinar, with [further places available](#) throughout May and June.*

*Read [further information about the change](#) or [contact the team](#) if you have any questions*

### **Children aged 5 to 11 years can now obtain an NHS COVID Pass letter for international travel**

*Children aged 5 to 11 years living in England, Wales or the Isle of Man who have had a full primary course of COVID-19 vaccination can now get an NHS COVID Pass letter for travel.*

*A person with legal responsibility for the child can request the letter on their behalf either online at [nhs.uk](https://nhs.uk) or by calling the 119 service (0808 1624 119 for residents of the Isle of Man). The letter is not available via GP practices.*

*The letter is posted to the address on the child's NHS record and will show all the COVID-19 vaccinations they have received. Further details can be found on the [GOV.UK guidance pages](#).*

## How to keep yourself up to date with the latest changes in general practice

Keeping on top of what is happening in general practice can be quite a challenge. Beside the weekly LMC newsletter there are a number of other bulletins that will help you to stay on top of the things that are important to your days working in general practice. Here is a selection of bulletins/newsletters that LMC officers subscribe to:

- [NHS England Primary Care Bulletin](#)
- [NHS Digital General Practice bulletin](#)
- [PCC Newsletters](#)
- [CQC Primary Medical Services Newsletter](#)
- [Kent and Medway CCG General Practice bulletin](#)

## Lung Cancer Lunch and Learn Virtual Session 4th May 2022 13:15-14:15

The aim of this event, provided by Macmillan and the Cancer Alliance, is to explore lung cancer signs and symptoms and discuss that the earlier stage lung cancer is diagnosed the better the

outcome for the Patient. An information session to support Health Care Professionals working in Primary Care.

Please register using the following link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/324121775957>

The Training Hub wanted to update you all regarding ongoing PLT arrangements.

### **PLT Arrangements - a message from the Kent & Medway Primary Care Training Hub**

Discussions continue with the Training Hub, LMC and CCG Commissioning and Contracts team to finalise a long-term, sustainable solution. We can however confirm the arrangements for the upcoming May dates. We are pleased to confirm full cover is available on these dates through the original routes of 111/SECAMB and IC24 and MedOCC. Full cover is in place from 1pm-6:30pm on the dates specified in the attached 2022 calendar for your area. **Practice answer machines should be turned on to direct urgent calls to 111 meaning there is no need for a practice team to manage these phone calls in May.**

For the June PLT dates (July for West Kent) the Training Hub will be delivering a Level 3 Adult and Child Safeguarding Update, suitable for all practice staff. With this in mind, we are urgently seeking this May arrangement to be extended into June and July to allow all staff to attend this session. We will be in contact as soon as possible to confirm the June and July arrangements and to provide the joining links for the Safeguarding sessions, which will be delivered via zoom. Thank you for your patience with this and please be assured the Training Hub are doing all we can to move the discussions forward to reach a sustainable solution for these much-needed protected afternoons.

### **PCN DES IIF (Investment and Impact Fund)**

We recently sent out a summary of the PCN DES and thought it would also be worth sending out the links to the IIF documents so that you can see what PCNs need to achieve to access this fund. Unlike other aspects of the PCN DES, the IIF is payable on achieving targets in a similar way to QoF with a maximum of 1153 points at a value of £200 each. The full guidance can be found [here](#) and NHS England have produced a one page colourful summary [here](#).

### **At Scale working: Practice mergers, super-partnerships, federations and PCNs Webinar: 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

### **Kent LMC Annual Conference - 29th September 2022**

Save the Date! We will be holding our Annual Conference: General Practice - the next 5 years: tomorrow starts today, on the afternoon of Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at the Ashford International Hotel. Keynote speakers include Dr Farah Jameel, Chair of the General Practitioners Committee and Cedi Frederick, Chair-designate, Kent & Medway NHS Integrated Care Board (ICB) – please look out for further details in due course.

### **Invitation to nominate ICB Board GP Member**

The process for appointing the GP member for the ICB Board is now open. We will be sending details to all GPs regarding the appointment process today.

Kind Regards  
Kent Local Medical Committee