



9th May 2022

Dear Colleague

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

The local updates for this week include:

- Kent LMC Annual Report 2021/22
- Highlights from the Full LMC Meeting
- CQC Inspections
- Simulation Training for HCPs in Primary Care
- A message from the Cameron Fund
- The GMC: Have your say on Fitness to Practise and Good Medical Practice Guidance Virtual Online Event - Wednesday 11 May 2022, 6.30pm - 7.35pm
- Kent LMC Annual Conference - 29th September 2022

This week we also have the national update from the BMA and we draw your attention to the following important announcements therein:

- GP workforce and appointment data
- What is your diagnosis for general practice? #RebuildGP
- GP Abuse
- General Practice Pay Transparency
- Health and Care Bill becoming an Act
- General Practice Factual Reports (aka personal independence payment form) pilot
- LMC UK conference 2022
- GPC ARM elections

Kent LMC Annual Report 2021/22

We are delighted to launch our first annual report on behalf of the Kent Local Medical Committee.

<https://www.kentlmc.org/kentlmcannualreport202122>

We hope this provides you with an overview of the work that Kent LMC has undertaken over the last 12 months. If you have any queries, comments or observations we would be happy to hear from you.

Highlights from the Full LMC Meeting

The Full LMC met on the 28th April. Areas of discussion included PCQS, and in particular the spirometry diagnostic service. The LMC are currently awaiting further feedback from the CCG regarding contracting method and duration.

The LMC discussed KMCR and are in full support of sharing patient data. We are extremely keen to resolve the issues around Docman share and not wanting to be responsible for sharing third party information.

The Committee received a summary of the 22/23 Contract Changes, which were published without agreement as part of a 5-year contract. The GPC raised issues with NHSE that when the contract was initially agreed inflation was very low, and is now running at 7%+, the pay uplifts for contracts is around 3%, and the NHS national insurance increase has not been covered for general practice, despite being covered for other parts of the health sector. Practices will be hit hard with raised inflation and significant increases in utility bills.

There was a healthy discussion around the PCN DES and what flexibility there may be around extended hours provision. Mixed messages were received from NHSE that there would be little flexibility, however locally from the CCG we have been encouraged to hear that there will be more flexibility.

The LMC discussed how it could support general practice more post covid, particularly around workload, workforce and health and wellbeing.

Issues around the lack of service provision in relation to Gender Dysphoria was discussed, and discussion are ongoing with the CCG to ensure that this group of patients are not disadvantaged.

Frustrations were expressed around the delay in implementing EPS in hospitals. The local Dental Committee reported that there will be a procurement process in April 2023 which will look to recommissioning urgent dental care. This will be divided into three areas, Dental Clinical Assessment Services (DenCAS) (essentially a Dental 111 service), an out of hours service for weekends and bank holidays, and an in hours service (until 10pm) which will be in general practice and will cover all evenings Monday-Friday.

CQC Inspections

We put the item below in our bulletin last week and thought it was worth replicating this week. We understand that practices that have not been visited for 5 or 6 years are likely to be first on the list.

CQC Inspections Restarted

The CQC has now restarted routine inspections and we are aware that they are being rigorous in inspecting all practice records, policies and processes. We would therefore advise all practices to take a look at the CQC website that gives details of what happens on an inspection and what they look at (Key Lines of Enquiry or KLOEs). The main webpage which has links to the detail can be found [here](#). They will also run searches on your clinical system and details of those can be found in the [CQC GP Mythbuster 12 here](#).

The BMA has also produced a helpful guide, [How to prepare for a CQC inspection](#).

Kent LMC is also available to answer any questions you have regarding CQC inspections.

Simulation Training for HCPs in Primary Care

The Kent & Medway Primary Care Training Hub is delighted to offer the opportunity to attend Simulation Training sessions for HCPs all centred around emergencies which may occur in a primary care setting. For further information please see the attached flyer.

A message from the Cameron Fund The Cameron Fund is a medical benevolence charity that solely supports GPs and their dependents during times of need and financial hardship.

This short video explains a bit more about the importance of donations to our work and how to make a contribution. If you have time to retweet the message below as well, that would be hugely appreciated: twitter.com/TheCameronFund/status/1521808337645494272
CF Video 8: How to donate - www.youtube.com/watch?v=LZMr-ndry1A

If you are aware of a GP who is struggling financially please contact them at info@cameronfund.org.uk.

to Kent LMC is also available for confidential advice should you be experiencing personal and/or professional challenges.

The GMC: Have your say on Fitness to Practise and Good Medical Practice Guidance Virtual Online Event - Wednesday 11 May 2022, 6.30pm - 7.35pm

The government has committed to shortly bringing forward legislation to fundamentally reform the GMC – including the Fitness to Practise process. This event will provide you with the opportunity to ask questions and discuss any concerns in a supportive and inclusive forum.

In this exclusive, virtual event BMA South East Coast and South Central FREEs (Forums for Racial and Ethnic Equality) will be co-hosting with the GMC. In just an hour the GMC southeast team will outline their priorities for action, their work to eliminate disproportionate fitness to practise referrals and how they will embed EDI into their strategy as well as updating you on the Good Medical Practice consultation.

The GMC is eager to hear your views on these important workstreams. This event will provide you with the opportunity to ask questions and discuss any concerns in a supportive and inclusive forum.

For further information and to register a place please click [HERE](#)

Kent LMC Annual Conference - 29th September 2022

Our Annual Conference 'General Practice – the Next 5 years: Tomorrow Starts Today' will be held in the afternoon of Thursday 29th September 2022 at the Ashford International Hotel, Simone Weil Avenue, Ashford TN24 8UX. Keynote speakers include Dr Farah Jameel, Chair of the General Practitioners Committee and Cedi Frederick, Chair-Designate, Kent & Medway ICB.

To book your place please click [HERE](#).

Kind regards
Kent Local Medical Committee