



Dear Colleague

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

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Rebuild General Practice

The BMA and GDPF have launched the '**Rebuild General Practice**' campaign with a call to action to UK and Devolved Governments

The campaign aims to highlight the crisis in general practice with appointment numbers now at post -pandemic levels whilst GP numbers are declining. The campaign sets out a 3-point safety plan

1. **Recruitment** - The UK Government delivering on its commitment of an additional 6,000 GPs in England by 2024.
2. **Retention** - Tackling the factors driving GPs out of the profession such as burn out.
3. **Safety** - A plan to reduce GP workload and in turn improve patient safety.

Practices are invited by the BMA to help build awareness of the campaign:

1. Sign the '**Letter to my patients**'. To add your signature, simply email hello@rebuildgp.co.uk with your full name.
2. Use **#RebuildGP** Follow and share content, news, and updates on the campaign Twitter page
3. Access campaign materials which are available on the [Kent LMC website](#)

New CQC LD Training Requirements

The CQC issued the following new guidance to practices on 20th June 2022:

From 1 July 2022, all health and social care providers registered with CQC must ensure that their staff receive training on learning disabilities and autism appropriate to their role. This new legal requirement is introduced by the Health and Care Act 2022.

The government is also required to consult on and publish a Code of Practice, which would outline the content, delivery and ongoing evaluation of the Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training, which is its recommended training. The government has informed us that this training is based on the Capabilities Framework for Supporting People with a Learning Disability and the Capabilities Framework for Supporting Autistic People. We anticipate the Code of Practice will take a least 12 months to publish.

CQC have provided interim guidance while we wait for the new Code of Practice to be published.

*During our assessments and inspections of providers, we regularly look to see if staff are working with people appropriately, and if not, we consider what training and support has been provided to staff to ensure their understanding. **Following the introduction of this requirement, we will be looking to see whether providers have provided learning disability and autism training and have assessed the competencies of their staff following the training. CQC will not be looking at what the training itself has involved.***

Meeting the health needs of people arriving in the UK from the Ukraine

Practices have been given guidance in the attached letter from NHS England (<https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/meeting-the-initial-health-needs-of-people-arriving-in-the-uk-from-ukraine/>), outlining the expectations and support for GP registration and the management of the initial health needs for individuals and families coming to England fleeing the conflict in Ukraine.

The CCG is currently developing a LES which it is expected will enable practices to claim for an initial payment per Ukrainian resident registered with the practice and a follow up payment on confirmation of completion of an initial health assessment. Practices will be able to claim retrospectively to cover patients who arrived under relevant visa schemes before this LES was set up. To support claims, it is recommended practices use the codes detailed in Appendix A of the NHS England Letter.

Pensions Webinar with Paul Gordon, Tuesday 5 July 2022

The recent soaring rate of inflation will have significant tax implications for some GP pensions. The LMC have invited Paul Gordon to update us on how this might impact you. We will be discussing the Lifetime Allowance, Annual Allowance and tax charges.

The BMA have launched a CPI modeller available for BMA members here - [CPI modeller for GP pension scheme \(bma.org.uk\)](https://www.bma.org.uk/pension-scheme)

If you would like to join the pension webinar, which is being held virtually on Tuesday, 5 July 1230-1400hrs, please [register your place here](#)

A Guide to Supervision in KSS Primary Care

Supervision can mean many things to different health care professionals, and it is important that there is clarity between supervisor and supervisee about the purpose of their supervisory relationship. This [document](#) clarifies both the requirements for specific learners and employees in specific roles in primary care.

A message from Kent & Medway Medical School (KMMS): Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCEs)

Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) forms an essential part of assessing medical students clinical & professional skills across all the years of the KMMS undergraduate programme. KMMS has OSCEs across all 5 years of the programme mainly in July with years 1 & 2 also having formative OSCEs in April.

We are looking at building our pool of OSCE examiners. We would provide training and support as well as give you a warm KMMS welcome!

We are particularly looking for some more examiners for our Year 1 Sequence 1 OSCE being held on **Friday 8th July 2022 starting at 08.15 and finishing approx. 16.30**. This is held at our Verena Holmes Simulation Suite at Canterbury Christ Church University.

OSCE stations can involve procedural skills, physical examination and communication skills with history taking or information giving. These are all mapped to the GMC outcomes for graduates and professional skills requirements and are made appropriate and applicable to the relevant students year of study.

This is our biggest OSCE this year and requires 27 examiners as well as having a number of reserve examiners who would also turn up on the day in case an examiner allocated suddenly cannot attend for any reason e.g. sickness.

We would require your attendance **for the full day which would require a briefing which starts at 08.30**. Examiners have to be present for the briefing and full day to ensure calibration and examiner parity. provide breakfast, lunch and refreshments.

If you are available to assist us with this date or any OSCEs this year or in the future then please complete the below online availability form:

OSCE availability form

or contact Dr Tim Collins, *Senior Lecturer in Clinical Skills & Patient Engagement, Academic Lead for OSCE & Patient Engagement, Kent & Medway Medical School* for more details (tim.collins@kmms.ac.uk).

Kind regards

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