



Dear Colleague

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

The local updates for this week include:

- Advice on GP data sharing into Kent Medical Care Record (KMCR)
- BMA ARM 2022 - motion calling for practices to withdraw from PCNs
- Rebuild General Practice
- FIT Notes
- Change to NHS Kent and Medway CCG to Integrated Care Board and invoicing
- New CQC Learning Disability training requirements
- GP Trainee Committee Elections
- Pension Webinar with Paul Gordon, Tuesday 5th July 2022

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

- ARM 2022
- New BMA Council Chair
- Warning over GPs leaving NHS
- Rebuild General Practice: support the campaign
- Access to GP services - house of commons debate
- BMA calls for independent review of the GMC referral pathway
- Fees calculator
- Letter from GP for travel with medication
- Fit note update
- CVD enhanced service specification
- GP Trainees Committee election
- Committee of Medical Managers (CMM) elections
- BMA employer advisory service

Advice on GP data sharing into Kent Medical Care Record (KMCR)

LMC recommendations for GP practices sharing into KMCR are to:

1. Only share EMIS level data – ensure you have signed the appropriate data sharing and joint controller agreements on Information Governance Portal.
2. **STOP SHARING DOCMAN** into KMCR – Currently most practices will be sharing all patient documents on DOCMAN. To stop sharing practices must phone DOCMAN support via 08449 670 967 and request that DOCMAN is no longer shared into the KMCR (you may need to speak to the secondary care DOCMAN team to enact this request).

Why are we recommending this?

The LMC and GPs fully support local health and care digital records (KMCR) to enable and improve patient care and coordination between providers. We believe the platform provides a good solution for interprofessional and cross organisation care through MDTs, Respect forms and others. We encourage GPs to ensure they have signed appropriate Data Sharing Agreements and Joint Controller Agreements to ensure EMIS problem lists / medications and allergies are available to KMCR.

Currently General Practices are the **only** organisation sharing detailed levels of information through DOCMAN share (e.g. hospital letters / mental health care plans / safeguarding reports), where as other organisations are not. The reasons for this are partly technical but we also believe that some organisations have decided, given the very wide audience of the KMCR, it is not safe or suitable to share detailed information.

We understand the Kent County Council safeguarding have decided not to share safeguarding reports into the KMCR for governance/safety reasons whereas currently GPs will be via DOCMAN share. We believe the same is true for our local mental health Trust KMPT.

Why now?

After careful discussion and numerous meetings with the KMCR team, independent Data Protection Officers, liaison with other health and social care organisations, and in light of COPI (Covid related data sharing regulations) ending on 1st July 2022.

We do not believe it is equitable for GP to be held responsible as data controllers for the sharing of other organisations data. We do not feel assured that GP risks for data sharing are entirely mitigated by current arrangements.

Please see attached an example of what type of data we believe is being shared by contributors to the KMCR

BMA ARM 2022 - motion calling for practices to withdraw from PCNs

You may be aware that last week the Annual Representative Meeting of the British Medical Association has called for the withdrawal of practices from PCNs by 2023. We want to provide some clarification and context regarding the vote, and to set out Kent Local Medical Committee's position regarding the motion.

The motivation for the motion is to remove the bureaucracy that comes with the PCN DES, and to transfer the funding directly to practices providing them the flexibility regarding the roles they recruit and being able to hold the employment directly. There is no call to not have the ARRS roles or other AHPs. The vital contribution they make as team members in General Practice is recognised and valued.

Regardless of the ARM motion, we will support practices to pursue their own interests, whether that is to continue with the PCN DES or not.

Rebuild General Practice

The BMA and GDFP 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](#)

FIT Notes

From 1st of July the legislation around who can provide FIT notes has changed. Health Care Professionals such as physiotherapists and nursing staff are now able to issue FIT notes provided they have completed the necessary training and are competent to do so. The guidance regarding how to demonstrate competence and embed this in practice has now been issued and is [here](#). There is an online training module which can be found [here](#)

Change to NHS Kent and Medway CCG to Integrated Care Board and invoicing

On 20th June the CCG sent [this letter](#) from Ivor Duffy, Ivor Duffy Chief Finance Officer (Designate) NHS Kent and Medway Integrated Care Board that highlights the changes when invoicing the CCG/ICB from 1 July. This includes changes on tradeshift and also the address you use to invoice them. You are no longer able to upload invoices on tradeshift to 91Q Kent and Medway CCG.

Please ensure all invoices are addressed as below, otherwise they will be rejected by NHS Shared Business Services (SBS)

NHS KENT AND MEDWAY ICB
QKS PAYABLES N115
PHOENIX HOUSE,
TOPCLIFFE LANE,
WAKEFIELD, WEST YORKSHIRE
WF3 1WE

Please email kmccg.primarycare@nhs.net if you have any further questions

New CQC Learning Disability training requirements

We have received some enquiries regarding the new training requirements the CQC is planning to introduce regarding learning disability patients. Please see our newsletter of [27 June 2022](#) for more background information.

We want to draw your attention to the [Learning Disability Awareness](#) training provided on the Invicta Health Learning Pool platform. This provides both learning and assessment and, in our view, fulfils the criteria set out by the CQC, which 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.”*

The CQC has confirmed it *“will not be looking at what the training itself has involved.”*

GP Trainee Committee Elections

Elections for the GP Trainee Committee have opened!

Details of how to vote can be found here <https://elections.bma.org.uk/>

By-elections are open for the **Kent, Surrey & Sussex** constituency.

Voting opens at 12pm Friday 1st July 2022

Voting closes 12pm Friday 15th July 2022

Full details on GPTC, election eligibility and contact information can be found on our committee webpage - <https://www.bma.org.uk/what-we-do/committees/general-practitioners-committee/gp-trainees-committee#>

Thanks in advance to all of those taking part in the election.

Pension 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 \(bma.org.uk\)](#)

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](#)

Kind regards

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