



Dear Colleague

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

The local updates for this week include:

- General Practice Alert State (GPAS) Reminder – Launch date 5th September 2022
- How might the new Trust rules impact primary care? - DR Solicitors
- How do you manage capacity and demand?
- General Practice Appointment data Kent & Medway for July 2022
- How to obtain a Tier 2 Sponsorship Licence
- Kent LMC Annual Conference - 29th September 2022

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

- GPC England Officer Team election
- GP workload and workforce
- COVID Booster
- New Flu Enhanced Service Specifications and Flu Collaboration Agreement
- Government's reported plan for GPs to prescribe heating bill discounts is 'beggars belief'
- Social prescription trial on walking and cycling
- GP 'bureaucracy busting concordat'
- PCNs – clarification on CQC registration
- Trust registration requirements
- Section 49 report guidance
- Research priority setting with the General Practice Workforce Survey
- Best Practice Show, 12-13 October 2022, NEC Birmingham
- England Conference of LMCs 2022

## **General Practice Alert State (GPAS) Reminder – Launch date 5th September 2022**

Thank you to all who joined our recent GPAS Webinars. GPAS enables the LMC to highlight to system partners the pressure that general practice is under. Each week practices will be asked to complete a data return that will take approximately 5 minutes to complete. This data will be collated and reported by the LMC to system partners, providing data highlighting the pressure in general practice in a way that is comparable to the OPEL system hospital trusts use.

### **What do practices need to do now?**

We have recently contacted practices asking them to nominate who the LMC should contact each week to submit data. If you have not yet responded to our request please could you forward this information as soon as possible to [info@kentlmc.org](mailto:info@kentlmc.org).

For more detailed information about GPAS please visit our [website](#).

## How might the new Trust rules impact primary care? - DR Solicitors

Practices may want to read the following article from DR Solicitors, which is suggesting that you should not panic in the face of the looming deadline. We will, of course, continue to signpost to important updates through our weekly bulletin.

<https://www.drsolicitors.com/how-might-new-trust-rules-impact-primary-care>

## How do you manage capacity and demand?

We know that there are different demand and capacity models and would really like to hear from any practice who has developed something that is working well for them. We appreciate that there is not one size that fits all but there could be learning from each other and was thinking about how best we can share between us. If you would be prepared to share we would really like to hear from you.

Please drop an email to [info@kentlmc.org](mailto:info@kentlmc.org) and we will be back in touch.

Thank you very much in advance.

## GP Appointments in Kent & Medway July 2022 - Poster

The LMC has updated the ' [GP Appointments in Kent & Medway](#) ' poster to help practices evidence to patients the amount of work being carried out by general practice, the pressures faced by general practice and some steps patients can take to help themselves manage their care. Practices may wish to display in their waiting rooms or add to their websites and social media sites.

The data is directly sourced from NHS digital. The next update will be published at the end of September 2022.

## How to obtain a Tier 2 Sponsorship Licence

Obtaining a Tier 2 Sponsorship Licence is a route for employing non-European Economic Area (non-EEA) clinicians wanting to work in the UK. However, quite understandably, the bureaucracy involved can be somewhat off putting.

Fortunately, Sharon Lee, Senior Primary Care Workforce Programme Lead for Kent and Medway ICB, is available to provide guidance on how to navigate the process. If you are considering obtaining a Tier 2 Sponsorship Licence then contact Sharon via [sharonlee2@nhs.net](mailto:sharonlee2@nhs.net).

## Kent LMC Annual Conference - 29th September 2022

Our Annual Conference 'General Practice – the Next 5 years: Tomorrow Starts Today' will be held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 and Paul Bentley, Kent & Medway ICB. To book your place please click [HERE](#).

Kind regards  
Kent Local Medical Committee