



12th September 2022

Dear Colleague

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

We are deeply saddened by the death of Queen Elizabeth II, and have included the following message on our website:

"On behalf of the LMC and GP Practices across Kent & Medway, we are deeply saddened by the death of Queen Elizabeth II, and offer our sincere condolences to the Royal family. We would like to express our gratitude for her tireless efforts over decades of public service and for all she has given to communities across our country and the rest of the world".

You may wish to adapt this for your own website.

The local updates for this week include:

- Bank Holiday arrangements for Monday 19th September
- Managing Workload
- 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:

- Wellbeing resources
- NHSE/I Autumn Care Home COVID-19 Vaccination Programme
- Digital firearms marker
- GP premises update
- Inflation and your practice
- Accelerating citizen access to records
- Health and Social Care Select Committee's Workforce report briefing
- Understanding more about the experience of International Medical Graduate GPs
- DHSC Medicine Supply Tool
- Best Practice Show, 12-13 October 2022, NEC Birmingham
- GPC England committee pages and guidance for practices
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Bank Holiday arrangements for Monday 19th September

The letter from NHS England confirms the arrangements for primary care services for the 19 September 2022. These are summarised below.

General Practice

- Practices have permission to close on 19 September 2022.

Extended Hours Access (EHA)

- Practices have permission to cancel EHA provision scheduled for 19 September 2022.
- PCNs must make up cancelled EHA provision by offering additional appointments within a two-week period, unless otherwise agreed by the commissioner.

Covid Vaccination Programme

- Scheduled care home visits for high priority visits should go ahead as planned.
- Maintenance of scheduled clinics are strongly encouraged, particularly where there is a high population need.
- Providers should speak with the ICB should there be a need to flex local arrangements.

Communications with patients

- Patients must be notified of cancellations and appointments rescheduled.
- Where planned appointments are going ahead it is important this is also confirmed with patients.
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Managing Workload

Data published by NHS Digital shows that practices in Kent and Medway are working harder than ever, delivering more patient access than before the pandemic. Despite this, the demands on practices are still growing, with other parts of the system calling on general practice to do more and more.

Kent LMC hosts a variety guidance for practices advising how they can prioritise their workload. This guidance is not about restricting services. It has been collated to support practices to provide safe, quality and accessible general practice services, when they are being prevented from doing so by requests to undertake inappropriate or unresourced work. This guidance is about prioritising your commissioned responsibilities and your prime duty of care as GPs. The guidance is collated here: <https://www.kentlmc.org/managingworkload>. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you would like to discuss implementing the advice on these pages.

Kent LMC Annual Conference - 29th September 2022

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

Kind regards
Kent Local Medical Committee