



20th September 2022

Dear Colleague

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

The local updates for this week include:

- General Practice Alert State (GPAS)
- Procurement of a new NHS Health Check system - Primary care engagement requested
- Premises Surgery Session - 9th November 2022
- Kent LMC Annual Conference 29th September 2022

General Practice Alert State (GPAS)

Thank you to those who submitted their GPAS data last week. Please continue to return data each week, as this is crucial in enabling the LMC to demonstrate to system partners the pressure that general practice is under, and how the system can respond to pressure in general practice. We hope to be providing weekly reports as part of our comms in the near future.

Currently only 74% of practices have engaged and are able to submit their data. We are keen to ensure that every practice is represented, so if you have not yet responded to our request and are not currently submitting data please could you forward details of your nominated contact as soon as possible to info@kentlmc.org.

How does it work?

An email with a response template requesting practices to submit their Monday Appointment Data will be sent to practices each Tuesday morning, and a reminder will be sent each Wednesday. The closing date for submission of the data for that week will be noon on Thursday. A weekly report will be published and sent to practices and stakeholders. Please note data submitted by practices is confidential and only available to the LMC.

For more detailed information about GPAS, including a guide to GPAS, how to extract the data as well as a recording of a previous webinar please visit our [website](#).

Procurement of a new NHS Health Check system - Primary care engagement requested

Kent County Council is currently conducting a commissioning process that will result in the procurement of an NHS Health Check system. The current system, provided by Health Diagnostics, has been in place since 2018 and the Authority is now obliged to go out to procurement again. Kent County Council would like input into this commissioning process from people working in GP practices who may be users of the system. We are engaging with other stakeholders including the Kent and Medway ICB who are responsible for procuring GP IT Systems and KCHFT, who are contracted to provide Health Checks for KCC. Service users are invited to share feedback on the NHS Health Check System, Health Diagnostic, input into the specification building stage, and be involved in the procurement process.

If you would like to support, please contact Craig.Barden@kent.gov.uk for more information.

Premises Surgery Session - 9th November 2022

We have arranged a **FREE Premises surgery** with Rosemary Jones from Invicta Chartered Surveyors and Edwina Farrell from Weightmans on Wednesday 9th November 2022 from 9.30am.

Rosemary Jones is a Director of Invicta Chartered Surveyors, based in Kent and is a Chartered Surveyor with more than 30 years' experience. Her work is almost exclusively within the NHS and predominantly for GP Practices. Her day-to-day work includes;

- *Premises developments and improvement;*
- *Current Market Rent Reviews;*
- *Monitoring Surveyor;*
- *Lease Rent Reviews;*
- *Lease Renewals;*
- *Valuations for partnership agreements;*
- *Service charges.*
- *She is an Independent Expert and Arbitrator on the RICS Specialist Healthcare Panels for Dispute Resolution and an Advisor to the NHS Litigation Authority.*

Edwina Farrell is a nationally renowned Chambers and Partners and Legal 500 Ranked GP advisor and head of primary care at Weightmans LLP. She specialises in GP premises and partnership matters but works with a national team specialising in a complete service offering for general practitioners. Edwina has worked with Kent practices and across the country to help GPs in freehold and leasehold transactions, developments and property disputes. In addition, she works with practices in connection with commercial arrangements such as partnership deeds, mergers, contracts advice primary care network matters and some practice disputes. She regularly speaks at GP themed conferences and is a frequent contributor to medical practitioner publications.

These appointments can take place either in person at our office in Harrietsham or virtually via Microsoft Teams and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. If you would like to book a 30 minute appointment for you and/or your GPs please e-mail info@kentlmc.org stating if you would like the appointment to be virtual or in person.

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