



Dear Colleague

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

The local updates for this week include:

- Updated Flu Specification
- Lunchtime Closures
- General Practice Alert State (GPAS)
- Kent and Medway Neighbourhood Transformation Programme
- Change in contribution rates & Introduction of the 10-week rule – Important information for locum GPs
- Premises Surgery Session - 9th November 2022
- Contact details for RA Support
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Updated Flu Specification

NHSE has published an [updated flu specification](#), alongside updated guidance, which now covers vaccination of practice staff.

Whilst this will ensure that flu vaccinations provided to staff will be covered under the CNSGP, please be aware, however, that practice staff vaccination will still not be eligible for an IoS payment or vaccine reimbursement for this year. We recognise this is a frustrating decision and will continue to push NHSE on this point.

If you have any queries on the updated specification or guidance please send them to info.lmcqueries@bma.org.uk.

Lunchtime Closures

The Kent & Medway bulletin of 29th September stated that practices closing their doors at lunchtime may be served a breach notice by the ICB. The LMC will be discussing this with the ICB to understand the contractual basis for this announcement. In the meantime we refer you to the guidance issues by the BMA, [GP access: meeting the reasonable needs of patients](#)

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](#).

Kent and Medway Neighbourhood Transformation Programme

Following the success of the Transformation Programme last year, funding has been secured for a further cohort which will start in November 2022. Expressions of interest are needed by 14th October 2022. Please see the attached flyer with all the details.

Change in contribution rates & Introduction of the 10-week rule – Important information for locum GPs

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has announced it is introducing changes to the amount members pay towards their NHS pension. Click [here](#) for further 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.

We only have 2 spaces left now so please do let us know ASAP if you would like to book a 30 minute appointment for you and/or your GPs by e-mailing info@kentlmc.org stating if you would like the appointment to be virtual or in person at our office in Harrietsham.

Contact Details for RA Support

Next week, from 1st of October 2022, your RA (Smartcard) Service will be moving to NHS South, Central and West. Please see below for new contact details:

Smartcard Team ☎: 0300 5610429 | Smartcard Team ✉: scwcsu.smartcards@nhs.net

Kent & Medway Medical School Prize Giving Event

Kent LMC were delighted to attend the KMMS Prize Giving Event on Wednesday 21st September to celebrate the achievements of the students and staff over the last year.

Dr Jack Jacobs presented Kent Local Medical Committee Prizes to Josephine Hall (Gold), Virginia Abavana (Silver) and Rachael Madume (Bronze), and congratulated them on their achievements (photo attached)

Kind regards

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