



14<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Colleague

Welcome to this week's edition of the LMC Express. The local updates for this week include:

- General Practice Alert System (GPAS) role out for practices in Kent & Medway - drop in virtual question and answer session - 16th November 2022
- 21st century GP, what's not to love?
- A Message from NHS Kent & Medway, Primary Care Health Outcomes Improvement & Performance Team: Primary Care Quality Standards (PCQS) and Apex
- A message from Dr Rakesh Koria, Acute Response Team GP, NHS Kent & Medway Cancer and Quality & Education and Frailty Lead: South East Palliative & End of Life Care Clinical Forum - 17 November 2022 2pm – 4pm

#### **General Practice Alert System (GPAS) role out for practices in Kent & Medway - drop in virtual question and answer session - 16th November 2022**

Thank you to those who are submitting GPAS data. 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.

The information is being shared with the ICB (at an aggregate, not practice level) to evidence the pressure that general practice is working under.

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](mailto:info@kentlmc.org).

GPAS submissions are **anonymous to the LMC** so if a practice declares their status as black, then we would ask they contact the LMC at [info@kentlmc.org](mailto:info@kentlmc.org) so that support can be offered.

As previously mentioned, we are also keen to hear from practices that are declaring their state as Green. It would be helpful to understand what steps practices have been able to take to operate as Green and so ask that Green state practices add a comment to their weekly submission as any shared learning would be extremely valuable.

We appreciate there may be questions that practices have about completing and submitting the weekly template or about how the data is used so please join us [via microsoft teams](#) for a questions and answer webinar session on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 12.30pm. This will be an opportunity to ask any questions about GPAS and can include advice on getting started. We will also share reports we have produced, based on submission so far.

#### **21st Century GP, What's not to love?**

On Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> of November the Kent LMC Medical Directors attended a joint RCGP and KMMS event at the Medical school 'The 21<sup>st</sup> Century GP: What's not to love?'. This was a morning of talks, demonstrations and hands on scenarios covering a multitude of areas including virtual reality consultations and training, consultation skills, opportunities as a portfolio GP and becoming a GP with a special interest. It was a great opportunity to meet with GPs, trainers and students and promote General Practice and the role of the LMC. We look forward to working with KMMS, HEE and RCGP in the future.

**A Message from NHS Kent & Medway, Primary Care Health Outcomes Improvement & Performance Team: Primary Care Quality Standards (PCQS) and Apex**

We have now completed the first quarter of PCQS activity submissions via Apex.

The Health Outcomes Improvement and Performance (HOIP) team would like to thank you for your collaboration over the last couple of months; for highlighting issues and your suggestions regarding Data Quality Issues.

We really do hope that this way of activity submission and invoice generation is starting to save you precious time. We do appreciate some practices are still experiencing teething issues and there are still a small number of practices who have not yet submitted, if we haven't already done so, we will soon be contacting you to establish whether you require further support to ensure you are able to claim for the care that has been delivered.

We will also, very shortly, be circulating full details of updated processes and upcoming developments within Apex. In the meantime, if you have any queries with your PCQS claims, please contact [kmicb.pchealthoutcomes@nhs.net](mailto:kmicb.pchealthoutcomes@nhs.net)

We again thank you for your support.

**A message from Dr Rakesh Korla, Acute Response Team GP, NHS Kent & Medway Cancer and Quality & Education and Frailty Lead: South East Palliative & End of Life Care Clinical Forum - 17 November 2022 2pm – 4pm**

**P&EOLC Data and Dashboards: How They Impact Patients Professionals and Processes.**

I am sure you will agree given our current challenges, opportunities and priorities in P&EOLC, in the context of ICB formations, direct and indirect impact of the pandemic and wider implications of systems wide P&EOLC services that are impacted by increasing demands, workforce and financial resources, utilisation of pragmatic data and dashboard is critical. This will enable us to evidence P&EOLC impact around patient care, share best practice, drive quality improvement and ultimately reduce variations as well as health inequality across our regions.

Aims and Objectives:

- *To understand the impact of good system wide P&EOLC data dashboard*
- *To understand Community Currencies for our future commissioning and systems wide integration.*
- *To devise, develop and determine what future data dashboard would serve us best in the Southeast*

This is a unique opportunity to share a collective interface on P&EOLC Data and Community Currencies, regardless of our roles or setting to make a real difference. Please share this invite with ALL your professionals that contribute to P&EOLC/Frailty/Urgent Care and wider P&EOLC Communities of Practice

Please come prepared with 3 key reflections:

1. *What P&EOLC and overlapping Frailty and Urgent Care Data you collect in your systems?*
2. *What quantitative and qualitative P&EOLC data should form the basis of our future focus?*
3. *What data do we need to embed P&EOLC Commissioning Framework in our systems?*

We look forward to welcoming you all on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> of November, 2-4pm on behalf of our team! To join the meeting please see link in attached Clinical Forum Agenda.

Kind regards  
Kent Local Medical Committee