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Dear Colleague

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

- Information on prescriptions issued after a private consultation
- Maternity triage at East Kent Hospitals (EKHUFT)
- New to Practice - Advice on Premises Webinar
- Calling all Mid-Career GPs

Information on prescriptions issued after a private consultation

For Information from NHS Kent & Medway explaining to patients why GPs may not provide an NHS FP10 prescription following a private consultation please click [HERE](#). For a printable leaflet please click [HERE](#)

Maternity triage at East Kent Hospitals (EKHUFT)

The 24/7 service has updated the inclusion and exclusion criteria for all pregnant patients who need to contact the maternity units at the Queen Elizabeth Queen Mother (QEQM) hospital or the William Harvey Hospital (WHH). Patients do not need to be referred to the service by a GP. Enquiries from patients and Midwives can be directed to the triage telephone numbers below. QEQM triage contact number: 01843 234483

WHH triage contact number: 01233 616638.

[The criteria can be found here.](#)

New to Practice - Advice on Premises Webinar

On Thursday 19 January 2023, 1230-2.30pm we have arranged a webinar, especially for those who are new to management roles in GP Practices, with Edwina Farrell, James Gransby and Rosemary Jones. They will give a guided tour of the important information you need to manage funding and development of premises and issues concerning Partnership Agreements, Deeds of Trust and Tax. Rosemary Jones will be covering Current Market Rent and premises costs reimbursement, capital funding for improvements, premises development and valuations. Please register your place to attend this free webinar [here](#)

Calling all Mid-Career GPs

The LMC in conjunction with the Kent and Medway Training Hub are undertaking some work to better understand how to support the needs of GP's working across the region. We are specifically interested in speaking with mid-career GPs, who comprise a critical part of the General Practice workforce, shouldering an ever-increasing burden of clinical and managerial responsibility within their practices.

As established GP's, you typically form the cornerstone of practice life, being relied upon by other members of staff to provide support and direction while also being required to take an active role in the management and decision-making processes of the practice. There is a

growing body of research to indicate that for mid-level career GPs, resilience may be a 'surface act' and that much more needs to be done to support them if they are to remain engaged and retained within the health service.

Therefore, we need to speak with you - we are keen to understand how we can best support you in managing this pressure and expectation.

Would you be able to spare **30 minutes for a brief phone call** with one of our team to share your perspectives and provide insights into what support or help you would find most beneficial? If you are willing can you reply to info@kentlmc.org to let us know and we will put you in touch with the external team who are conducting the calls.

Kind regards
Kent Local Medical Committee