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Dear Colleague

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

- QOF Scheme
- PCSE Type 2 webinar – Useful links and Follow up
- New to Practice - Advice on Premises Webinar, Wednesday 1 March 2023 12.30-2.00pm
- GPAS Weekly SitRep

QOF Scheme

Kent LMC welcome the acknowledgment from the ICB that General Practice is in the midst of a very hard Winter. The scheme looks to support practices who due to the exceptional levels of acute demand have had to delay their Chronic Disease management reviews. This support will help to maintain the viability of practices. We are assured that the ICB will take a supportive approach and will not add to the burden of bureaucracy which already exists. Please feel free to contact the office if you have any questions.

PCSE Type 2 webinar – Useful links and Follow up

Salaried GPs need to complete their NHS Pension Type 2 forms and submit them to PCSE by 28th February if you are part of the NHS pension scheme. Below are some useful links for further information:

[2021/22 End of Year guidance for GP Pension Scheme Members](#)
or [watch a Type 2 Medical Practitioner Self Assessment forms demo on the PCSE YouTube channel](#)

New to Practice - Advice on Premises Webinar, Wednesday 1 March 2023, 12.30-2.00pm

For those who are new to management roles in GP Practices, we have arranged a webinar with Edwina Farrell, James Gransby and Rosemary Jones who 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.

An introduction to Edwina, James and Rosemary can be found below:

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. She has worked with Kent practices and across the country to help GPs in freehold and leasehold transactions, developments and property dispute matters. In addition she works with practices in connection with commercial matters 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.

James spends his entire time working with doctors and GP practices, both at the coal face and writing for national publications on topical matters affecting GPs and speaking at seminars on topical issues. James has worked in this sector for over two decades and also holds the role of Vice Chair of AISMA (The Association of Independent Specialist Medical Accountants) whose members act for almost half of all GPs in the country. He is also a committee member of the Primary Care Premises Forum. James is able to give specialist advice to doctors and their practices on financial matters including tax planning, pensions tax and practice mergers, to name a few. James has also performed advisory work in areas such as premises developments, new models of care (particularly Primary Care Networks), succession planning and GPs entering partnership.

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 Resolution.

Please [register your place to attend this free webinar here](#) and please do forward to others in your practice that you think would benefit from joining us.

GPAS Weekly SitRep

GPAS was implemented to allow General Practice to report the state of resilience across Kent & Medway so that system leaders can understand the pressures being experienced and compare them to those in the rest of Primary and Secondary Care.

Every week Practices submit their assessment of their current state into a central database using data from an EMIS report. Submissions are **completely anonymised**; the LMC is not able to identify individual practices from the submissions. The only data that is shared with either the ICB or other stakeholders is aggregated at HCP or Kent and Medway level.

The more practices that take part in GPAS, the more robust the evidence will be. Collecting this data is assisting the LMC in illustrating practice pressures.

The report only take 5 minutes to complete each week. We would encourage every practice to submit a report on weekly basis and to provide comments and feedback. The LMC is able to assist with getting practices started on reporting. Information can be found on our website at [Kent LMC - General Practice Alert State \(GPAS\)](#) or please email the LMC at info@kentlmc.org

[To view the latest GPAS SitRep please click here](#)

Kind regards
Kent Local Medical Committee