



Dear Colleague

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

- New website tool for supporting shared decision making in General Practice
- KCC Community Services Consultation
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- New to Practice - Advice on Premises Webinar, Wednesday 1 March 2023, 12.30-2.00pm
- Kent & Medway Primary Care Training Hub: GP Recruitment Workshop 8th March
- Kent and Medway Cardiovascular Networks team - Clinical lead for Respiratory
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### **New website tool for supporting shared decision making in General Practice**

We would like to raise awareness of a new website designed by and for GPs, it gives easy-to-understand summaries of the evidence behind NICE recommended treatments for long-term conditions and supports shared decision making with patients: <https://gpevidence.org>

The website was developed by an academic GP and by the NIHR it is free to use/open access. There's more info about it on the website itself, and a news piece about it below.

<https://www.phc.ox.ac.uk/news/oxford-researchers-launch-gp-evidence-2013-a-website-designed-by-gps-for-gps-to-bridge-the-knowledge-gap-between-scientific-evidence-and-recommended-treatments>

### **KCC Community Services Consultation**

KCC are proposing changes to the way they use our buildings to deliver some of their community services. They are inviting your feedback on our proposals as part of this consultation. Services included in the proposals are Children's Centres and Youth Hubs, Public Health Services for Children and Families, Community Services for Adults with Learning Disabilities, Community Learning and Skills (Adult Education), and Gateways.

Please see below link to the consultation documents and district design handbooks for all localities relating the Kent Communities Programme. The documents detail the process KCC have been through and set out the changes proposed.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/communityservicesconsultation>

Please send any feedback directly to KCC.

## While you are waiting for your hospital appointment leaflet

The LMC has produced the attached poster which can be used in waiting rooms, on practice websites or produced as a leaflet to give, or to text to patients to help explain the responsibilities of secondary care once a patient has been referred, why patients may experience a delay in being seen in secondary care and who to contact for further information. Please click [HERE](#) to access the leaflet

## 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.

### **GP Recruitment Workshop 8th March**

The Kent & Medway Primary Care Training hub are running this workshop which will be an opportunity to let the ICB know what you want from them to assist with recruitment in general practice and what their role should be.

We will hear from others who have successfully made general practice job more attractive.

The invite is open to anyone within your practice or PCN who is involved in recruiting GPs or other general practice staff. An agenda is attached for further information. The more people who come the more ideas we have to share with each other so please do sign up on Eventbrite and join us on the 8<sup>th</sup> March.

I am going so why not come and join me please. (Liz Mears, Kent LMC).

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/recruitment-in-primary-care-tickets-541117867107>

### **Kent and Medway Cardiovascular Networks team - Clinical lead for Respiratory**

An exciting opportunity has come up to join the Kent and Medway Cardiovascular Networks team as Clinical lead for Respiratory. If you are interested in finding out more please click the link below:

Job Title: [Clinical Lead KM Integrated Respiratory Delivery Network Chair – KM-178](#)

Link: <https://beta.jobs.nhs.uk/candidate/jobadvert/D9095-KM-178>

NHS Jobs employers log in page. <https://beta.jobs.nhs.uk/home>

### **GPAS Update and Weekly SitRep**

Thank you to all practices that are submitting their weekly GPAS report. There has been a reduction in the number of practices submitting and we understand that may be due to a perceived lack of response to the data. However, the LMC is continuing to use the valuable GPAS feedback to discuss with the ICB and other stakeholders, the support that can be given to practices.

In response to GPAS, the ICB outlined in the Kent & Medway bulletin of 21<sup>st</sup> February, immediate support that can be offered to practices. Both the LMC and ICB recognises that there is more that needs to be done and there is a plan to work with ICB to support the creation of a menu of options that practices can adopt when reporting Amber, Red or Black as well as addressing other areas

that ICB can affect, such as commissioning gaps, which it is known puts additional pressures on practices.

We are aware from GPAs feedback that econsult, which whilst a useful tool for both some practices and patients, can impinge on practice's ability to manage their capacity and safe limits and practices need to have the ability to switch it off as required. The LMC met with the ICB last week to discuss e-consult, and we appreciate that the ICB has recognised that practices require a faster response to requests to switch off econsult; the ICB will be issuing a communication to practices about econsult this week.

**Weekly Sitrep submission:** 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.

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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](mailto:info@kentlmc.org)

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

Kind regards

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