



27th March 2023

Dear Colleague

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

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IT Failure

The recent IT failure led to the first Kent & Medway black alert state as declared through practice's GPAS returns. The LMC is very aware of the impact the IT failure had on practice's ability to operate and have been in discussion with the ICB on what measures can be taken to help deal with the backlog of work and how practices should be recompensed. The LMC is meeting with the ICB leadership team at the end of this week to discuss this further.

KMPT Community Mental Health Teams (CMHTs) - for adults aged 18-65

Please find attached a document from KMPT colleagues which outlines their points of contact for Community Mental Health Team (CMHT) for adults 18-65 and the CMHT for Older People caring for patients with moderate to severe mental health conditions.

This is intended to be a point of contact to assist GPs with queries. There are email points of contact in addition to telephone for each team. We are aware of the increasing trend of KMPT rejecting referrals and telling the GP to contact the medication query line and have raised this. As part of our interface work with KMPT the issue of rejected referrals is being audited and KMPT are working collaboratively to reduce this. We are being assured that there will be 'no wrong door' as part of the proposed Community Mental Health Transformation which includes IAPT and other mental health providers and is due to be implemented this year.

New to Partnership Payment Scheme (N2PP) – deadline for applications

The N2PP scheme was introduced in July 2020 for an anticipated two years. In December 2021, NHS England extended the scheme into 2023.

GPs and other clinical staff intending to apply for the scheme need to have entered into an equity partnership **by 31 March 2023** to be able to submit an application by 30 June 2023. Find out more about the application process [online](#) or you can email england.newtopartnershipenquiries@nhs.net.

There are currently a few spaces left on the programme, Pathway to Partnership to support you on Leadership, Strategy and Operations with implementation in your practice.

Full information can be found here - <https://qualitasconsortium.uk/pathway-to-partnership/>

A Message from Kent & Medway Medical School: Senior Lecturer and Academic Lead for Year 5

KMMS have an exciting opportunity for a Senior Lecturer and Academic Lead for the Head of Year 5, the final Year of their programme. The advert for this post can be found here: <https://jobs.kent.ac.uk/vacancy.aspx?ref=KMMS-165-23>

**The closing date for applications is Sunday 16th April.
Interviews are expected to be held on Tuesday 2nd May.**

To learn further about the role and submit an application please use the link provided above.

An ASAP start date is anticipated for the successful candidate and interested candidates should ensure that they have the support of their Clinical and Medical Directors for a prompt change to their job plan when applying.

For any questions regarding the above post please contact dean@kmms.ac.uk

Current opportunities at KMMS can be viewed here: <https://kmms.ac.uk/kmms-careers-jobs/>

A message from Kent and Medway's Staff Mental Health and Wellbeing Service

Following the success of *talking wellness* online training sessions in February we have some more training opportunities in March and April available for staff to attend, and have added an additional date on Tuesday 2nd May. Join talking wellness for one of our online training sessions to learn more about the importance of mental health wellbeing. To book a place please click the link:

<https://bookwhen.com/kentandmedway>

Easter Bank Holiday Posters 2023 detailing which pharmacies will be open on the Bank Holidays

Please find attached the Easter Bank Holiday Poster 2023 detailing which pharmacies will be open on the Bank Holidays in Kent for your information.

Pharmacies are only listed on the posters if they are opening on one or more of the Bank Holiday dates. Also attached is a spreadsheet containing all the information contained within the posters.

A map of the pharmacies that will be open on the Bank Holidays across the South East of England has been created, anybody can access the map via the link below.

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1r5s9MT9fb0fvjX7tQGdvfdHAmP5rlfw&usp=sharing>

A Message from NHS Digital: Primary Care National Workforce Reporting Service Webinar - 19th April 2023

We are running another webinar on the completion of NWRS on 19th April 2023 2-3pm. There will be an overview of the system together with details of how to update and complete information in the system. This part of the webinar will be recorded and updated in our [NHS futures page](#)

If you want to join the webinar, please use this link [Click here to join the meeting](#)

GPAS Weekly SitRep

Given the ongoing IT incident which we know is significantly affecting practices, we would expect practice's GPAS reports reflect the impact of this outage.

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 takes less than 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