



Dear Colleague

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

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GPAS Update - Submission to National Dashboard

Please can practices continue to submit their GPAS data for this week and provide data for Tuesday 11th April.

As a reminder, the Kent GPAS report will be included into a National GPAS reporting dashboard and we will need to submit our Opel Status (GPAS state) into the national dashboard by 2pm every Thursday so we would ask that all practices **complete their GPAS submission by Wednesday of each week.**

Submissions continue to be **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](#)

Changes to SARS-CoV-2 Testing from 1 April 2023

The [briefing note outlines the SARS-CoV-2 testing offer for NHS](#) , adult social care, and high-risk settings from 1 April 2023 onwards. It also confirms the approach to testing for people eligible for COVID-19 treatment in the community. This note outlines the purpose of ongoing testing, who will be eligible to access testing and the circumstances in which tests should be used.

This seems to suggest that there will be very few situations in which practice staff will need to test but we await further guidance from NHSE/ICB as mentioned at the end of the document.

'Implications & Recommendations for NHS

NHSE will send a letter to the sector separately detailing change in the testing offer from 1 April 2023. Recommendations on infection prevention and control measures in healthcare and community settings, along with guidance on how to dispose of tests safely should they no longer be eligible for use in a setting are all unchanged.'

GPC Virtual Roadshow: Contract Changes 23/24

GPC Virtual Roadshow Contract Changes 23/24 will be at 19.00 – 20.30 on Wednesday 26th April. David Wrigley, Deputy Chair of GPC England will be attending to discuss the current changes and proposed GPC responses [Click here to join the meeting](#)

A Message from NHS Kent & Medway: Digital Champions Network

Are you interested in upskilling and expanding your digital knowledge? Do you want to collaborate with others in primary care across Kent and Medway?

The Digital Team at NHS Kent and Medway (ICB) have launched a Digital Champions network which is open to all in primary care to share, collaborate and learn about how we can make our lives easier with tech. A host of new technologies and software have been deployed in general practice over the last few years and this network can help you build your confidence and skills when using these products.

[Join the community here.](#)

Additionally, a new space has been developed in collaboration with Barclays Digital Eagles, giving you access to a suite of training materials on the clinical systems you use. You can also access training on topics such as online safety and social media.

To access the Digital Wings space, [click here](#). To register you must type **NHSKM** in the field which asks for a 'company code'.

Lunch and learn digital session

An interactive learning session is being held on Wednesday, 26 April from 12.30pm to 1.30pm. [Click here for the joining link.](#)

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>

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](#)

De-biasing and Values Based Recruitment

The de-biasing and values-based recruitment programme is a Kent and Medway system-wide initiative supported by the Training Hub and the Local Medical Committee that will help participants understand the discrimination and bias that can be present during the recruitment process and how they can contribute to creating a fairer and more transparent process and support long term retention of newly recruited staff.

Livestream Workshop

We are working in partnership with Enact Solutions (enactsolutions.com), a drama for training provider with over ten years of experience working with the NHS, to deliver a half-day interactive workshop focusing on improving your recruitment processes and inspiring you to make a positive difference.

The programme went live in November and is currently planned to run until October 2023. Participants are now being invited from Primary Care organisations across Kent and Medway and particularly those identified as frequent hirers and/or with high vacancy rates.

Learning Outcomes

After participating in the workshop, learners will:

- gain a deep understanding of inclusive recruitment practices.
- learn to live your organisational values through the recruitment process.
- explore and challenge personal and organisational bias in recruitment.

For more information and to register please see the attached flyer.

Kind regards

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