



Dear Colleague

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

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This week we have also attached the national update from the BMA, and we draw your attention to the following important announcements therein:

- GPs vote to take industrial action if 'disastrous' contract changes are not renegotiated
- New GP access regulations
- Workforce data
- GP workload management and triage toolkit
- Wellbeing and stress awareness month
- Wellbeing resources
- Improving access to OH assessments for small businesses

Managing Workload

Taking control of your workload should not be seen as a negative act. Taking control will give you the space to focus on providing expert generalist care for your patients and to manage your own health and wellbeing.

To help practices to manage workload Kent LMC has produced and collated a wide array of resources to help identify and respond to requests for unresourced work and to communicate to patients what activities are not covered by your contract.

There are a range of resources that assist you to identify and manage unresourced work [here](#). This includes template letters that cover inappropriate rejection of referrals because they may not be on a particular form; BMA guidance and template letters on pushing back unresourced work; and how to share concerns resulting from primary and secondary care interface.

We have also produced a range of posters and leaflets [here](#) that can be used for communicating with patients. These include what patients can do whilst waiting for their hospital appointment; what patients should expect from their hospital appointment and use of Z drugs for flying.

Have you ever thought about working for Kent Local Medical Committee?

If the answer is a resounding YES, or you are intrigued to find out more, then click the link below to our vacancy on our website.

Representing General Practice, negotiating and supporting GP's, PM's and the practice team is what we do. It is a rewarding job, and an enjoyable and supportive environment with like-minded people to work with.

Kent LMC Executive Officer

Please contact the office on 01622 851197 for a confidential chat if you would prefer in the first instance.

Message from NHS Kent & Medway: Capacity & Access Improvement Payment Plans - EXTENSION TO SUBMISSION DEADLINE

NHS Kent & Medway have received notification that NHSE have extended the deadline for agreement of the Capacity & Access Improvement Payment PCN Plans until 30 June. We will therefore change the **PCN plan submission deadline to Friday 23 June** which will allow the ICB to review and formally agree plans.

This does give your PCNs more time to consider the data, review and discuss opportunities for improvement with member practices, and take into consideration the NHS recovery plan. For those of you who have already submitted plans, we will contact you directly, but you are free to develop these plans further and resubmit should you wish to.

With the extended deadline allowing more time to develop plans, we will look to arrange some regular online drop-in sessions to discuss the guidance, data and answer any queries you may have.

GPAS Update - Submission to National Dashboard

Thank you to all practices that continue to provide a weekly a submission. The information you provide is invaluable in evidencing the pressure general practice is operating under.

The Kent GPAS report is now included in 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 noon on Thursday 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 operational pressures in general practice. 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

Furthermore, if you are experiencing acute operational pressures please do get in touch.

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

Life after CCT Pensions and Tax/Accountancy - An update from the experts for new to practice General Practitioners Wednesday 28 June 1-2pm

Please join the Kent LMC, Andrew Leal, a partner at MacIntyre Hudson, and Paul Gordon, Head of Medical Specialist Wealth Planning at Atomos, for a lunchtime virtual update on Wednesday 28 June 1-2pm, to inform you about the NHS pension scheme and tax / accountancy working independently as a GP

Andrew will look at the tax issues relating to working as either a salaried GP, a locum or a partner and whether a limited company may be beneficial. He will also look at what GPs need to do via PCSE online to ensure superannuation contributions are correctly collected and some of the key issues to consider if contemplation becoming a partner in a practice.

Paul will look to run through the current NHS Pension arrangements and implications as you move from a trainee into general practice. He will cover general financial planning including the likes of mortgages, protection and even wills, and can be quizzed on all areas of finances.

This event will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams, please book your place [here](#)

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/>

Upcoming LMC Interface Meetings

The following meetings are taking place over the next couple of weeks. If you have any issues that you would like us to raise please email info@kentlmc.org with the title of the meeting and details of your request.

Kent & Medway ICB/LMC Liaison Meeting – Thursday 4 May

DVH Interface Meeting – Thursday 11 May

East Kent GP Board – Thursday 11 May

Maidstone & Tunbridge Wells Trust (MTW) Interface Mtg – Tuesday 16 May

Kind regards

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