

LMC Committee meeting May 21- Update for practices

Topic	Update
Mental health transformation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LPFT attended to update the Committee on planned community transformation project, in which mental health practitioners will be integrated into practices, PCNs, and neighbourhoods to improve access for patients and communication between clinicians.
GP Covid Capacity Expansion Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The GPCCEF was originally distributed to practices in December 2020. A further funding has been announced. Committee discussed the GPCCEF and that this should be distributed to practices with the minimum of bureaucracy. This view will be communicated to the CCG.
Operating Pressures Escalation Level (OPEL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee discussed ongoing work to develop an OPEL for general practice. OPEL will allow practices to highlight how they are coping with workload pressures and inform CCG and other providers regarding the pressure that practices are facing. Practices will be asked to report their OPEL on a regular basis, and LMC are seeking a method for this to be calculated and reported easily. LMC are also developing a set of infographics for practices to use to get messages to patients regarding workload. These infographics are available on the LMC website.
Contract compliance week (Breach week 2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LMC are planning a second data collection in June, for practices to report all incidents where hospital does not comply with conditions of the standard NHS contract. Further information will come to practices soon.
Racism and Discrimination in General Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Humber LMC have carried out a survey of GPs to identify the impact of racism and discrimination. The LLMC reviewed this report which highlights that GPs and other clinicians have been exposed to racism and discrimination which goes unchallenged. LLMC plan to share this report with practices and also to provide Active Bystander training to support practices to challenge racist and discriminatory behaviour.
Support for experienced GPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Dodingtonboyes (LMC GP Fellow) is trying to set up support networks for experienced GPs. She is seeking views about this from the Committee and other GPs. She will be circulating a questionnaire to GPs in the coming weeks.
COVID-19	GP Covid Capacity Expansion Fund (GPCCEF) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £120m for April-Sept 2021 Post meeting note <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Now agreed that 90% of fund will come to practices and 10% to PCNs Fund to support provision of chronic disease clinics, Oximetry at Home audit, and staff welfare initiatives Details should be coming to practices soon
	FAQ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular updates on-going available at LMC website Spirometry guidance updated
	CoViD Vaccine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FAQs updated- changes to <40 yr old advice re AZ vaccine
	Palliative Care/End of Life <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lincolnshire guidelines for symptom management in adult palliative and end of life care have been reviewed and updated- available on the EOLC website
Flu 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50-64 year olds included in 21/22 flu not centrally procured like 20/21

<p>STP/CCG</p>	<p>Planned care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointment Slot Issues (ASI) is the name given to patients who are in hospital systems but have not been allocated an appointment slot, this is currently <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 10k @ULHT ○ 14k @NWAFT ○ 10k @ NLAG • Elective Activity Coordinating Hub (EACH) being developed by CCG to take over from RFS. Hoped that this will have many benefits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Improved patient interface ○ All referrals will go through the hub including consultant to consultant, and private to NHS ○ Should remove need for “prior approval” <hr/> <p>Clinical Pathways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rheumatology, dermatology, gastroenterology pathways almost ready for roll out • 2WW brain and upper GI pathways also in development • Educational packages in development and agreement from CCG that PLT will be used to support roll out • ENT and gynae pathways next to be looked at <hr/> <p>Estates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cavell Centres mooted for Gainsborough and Sleaford under discussion and planning • Premises Cost Directions still not published <hr/> <p>Enhanced services/DCAs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LMC discussed proposed changes to enhanced services and direct contract awards. CCG looking to have block contracts for most ES/DCAs. LMC agree that this is suitable for most ES/DCAs, but where there is low volume an item of service (IoS) is better. LMC will feed this back to CCG. <hr/> <p>Transitional Care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing discussions with CCG and LCHS regarding Discharge to Assess patients and the excess workload this causes practices
<p>CQC</p>	<p>First inspections for practices rated as requires improvement taking place. Telephone interviews still ongoing. CQC team coming to future Committee meeting – June 2021</p>
<p>Dispensing</p>	<p>DDA looking for directors- job advert on LMC website</p>
<p>Pharmacy</p>	<p>GP Community Pharmacy Consultation Scheme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still in pilot phase, but information will soon be shared with practices
<p>Primary/Secondary care interface</p>	<p>ULH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pathway work is helping build relationships • Spirometry issue raised with CCG • Breach Week 2 in development to monitor breaches of standard hospital contract • Working with MD to get standardised communications <hr/> <p>NLAG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good ongoing engagement with NLAG and Humberside LMCs • Issues addressed recently <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discharge medications <hr/> <p>LCHS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transitional care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Issues being worked through with LCHS and CCG ○

	<p>LPFT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive steps taken with LPFT and CCG, agreed to initially prioritise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Getting consistent information in letters including diagnosis ○ Getting information in letters about fitness to work • Other issues on the list for the future include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Crisis team responsiveness ○ Eating disorders physical health service ○ Intra-LPFT Team to team referrals ○ Clinical responsibility for tests including ECGs ○ Clinical responsibility for prescribing especially in personality disorder
	<p>EMAS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GP workload raised with EMAS medical director so that crews do not add to this burden
	<p>Private providers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple issues still occurring regarding onward referrals from private to NHS. LMC working with CCG planned care team and private providers to agree a pathway which does not involve GPs
Axe the fax	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still no list of emails for ULHT
Councils	<p>Coroner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coroner to be invited to future LMC meeting • New coroner referral portal rolled out and all practices need to sign up to this <p>Transitional Care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing problems with complex patients discharged for “Transitional Care”, LMC trying to engage with CCG about how this extra work is funded. Discussions ongoing. <p>Health checks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHS Healthchecks payment protected for Q1 and Q2 of 21/22 • LCC looking to trial new IT system for administering health checks, let’s hope it is better than the last one. <p>Suicide Prevention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental health first aid training available for all practices
Police	<p>Firearms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GP portal currently being tested by some practices so should be rolled out soon
Healthwatch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LMC developing Infographics for practices to be co-branded with Healthwatch to support better communications- available on LMC website
Trainees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both Lincoln TPDs are leaving the role and new TPDs being interviewed • Lincoln PG centre close whilst new education centre being built, thus VTS training and access to programme support restricted for trainees
Medical school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New building now open
LMC Practice Calls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LMC has been making calls to practices to check in, offer support and gather feedback. • Several themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Workload pressures ○ PM role and other roles within practice have become more than single full-time roles. ○ Practice teams struggling to maintain work/ life balance and avoid burn-out ○ FAQs continue to be well received and feedback about the LMC is generally very positive.
Impact Lincs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take-30 is a service available to all practice staff providing support to work

Service	<p>through daily challenges.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact Lincs is the LMCs Mentoring & Coaching service also available to all practice staff. • Wellbeing pages available on LMC website.
LMC Development Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courses for 2021 are available via the LMC website. • New LMC Podcasts covering topics such as: Burn-out, Self-harm, and Time Management • NEW LMC Educational Webinars are available via the LMC website - Handling Complaints My Take-30 experience Your PCN
Training Hub	<p>Mentoring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lincolnshire Training Hub is setting up a GP to GP mentoring programme for junior GPs working in Lincolnshire. The programme aims to help GPs embed into the local primary care team, build networks and support them to reach their goals. • If you are a GP interested in being mentored by an experienced GP then please complete this short 3 question survey to help us tailor the service to your needs: https://forms.gle/J1Tmy3gnE2YvejEKA • Lincolnshire Training Hub is also looking for experienced GPs to support junior GPs through mentoring. • For more information, please contact pollybegum@nhs.net