



Beds & Herts LMC Ltd Weekly Update for Practices: Friday 31st July 2020

1) Call for evidence on reducing bureaucracy in general practice

As part of the contract deal agreed in February there was a commitment on behalf of the Department of Health to look at reducing the bureaucratic burden on GPs. The COVID-19 pandemic seems to have spurred thing on and yesterday [a call for evidence](#) was launched asking for examples of unnecessary bureaucracy to be submitted by 13th September. Although the consultation is wider than just general practice, we would encourage as many practices as possible to submit examples to show just how much unnecessary work you are being asked to do.

2) Quarantine for healthcare workers returning from abroad

We have had some queries from practices about confusing information about whether healthcare workers are exempt from 14 day quarantine rules. The [government website was updated](#) yesterday to make it clear that healthcare workers are NOT exempt, and must quarantine for 14 days if returning from a high-risk country.

3) Flu calculator

Some CCGs have already circulated this useful [flu calculator produced by Wessex LMC](#), but in case your CCG has not shared this information we are including it here. At the time of writing this update, we have had no further information about the extended flu programme despite assurances that the CMO letter would be out this week.

4) Fraudulent Curriculum Vitae of a Nurse

We have been informed by Nottinghamshire LMC of an individual impersonating an employed practice nurse in Notts and forwarding her cloned CV to practices. It seems that this impersonator is now operating outside of Nottinghamshire and has been submitting this cloned CV to practices within Bedfordshire, Leicestershire, Gloucestershire and Wessex. Practices should look out for a curriculum vitae (CV) from the email address nursekarenamies@outlook.com, which is considered to be a fake account. This matter has been reported to the Police by the practice and the victim involved. If you are contacted by this fraudster you may also wish to report it to the police yourselves.

5) ****NEW DATES FOR NEW PROGRAMMES IN BLMK & H&WE****

Beds & Herts LMC Business Fundamentals Programme: Sustainability in General Practice

The Business Fundamentals Programme for GPs has been remodelled into interactive webinar format. This modular programme is aimed at GPs who want to understand general practice at operational and strategic level. The course provides practical tools to help tackle the ever-increasing challenges and build a strong, sustainable future in primary care.

For full information and how to apply please visit our website [here](#).

6) **FREE LMC Education Webinars: Save the Date!**

Please find below dates for the webinars below – themes to be confirmed. These are free for Hertfordshire GPs, Nurses and other healthcare professionals in primary care. More information and how to register coming soon. Organiser contact: Helen Bean, Education and Workforce Manager, Beds & Herts LMC, helenbean@bhlmc.co.uk, 01438 880010.

SAVE THE DATE – Themes TBC	
1.Mental Health Updates Hosted by Beds & Herts LMC in partnership with HPFT. Three themes covered, you will be able to register for one, two or all three.	Friday 25th September, 1.00 – 5.00pm
2.Level 3 Children and Adult Safeguarding In Partnership with East & North Herts CCG & Herts Valleys CCG. Two themes covered per session (one adult and one child topic at each), delivered twice so you will be able to register for one and/or two dates out of the four listed.	Thursday 15th October, 2.00 – 4.30pm Wednesday 11th November, 2.00 – 4.30pm Thursday 26th November, 2.00 – 4.30pm Tuesday 15th December, 2.00 – 4.30pm
3.Domestic Abuse (Adult Safeguarding) In Partnership with East & North Herts CCG & Herts Valleys CCG. Delivered twice, so you only need to register for one.	Thursday 22nd October, 2.00 – 4.30pm Wednesday 18th November, 2.00 – 4.30pm

7) **RCGP FREE Webinars for GPs**

(Please select links below for more information, terms of registration and how to book)

- [NICEr for women: Managing bleeding problems in primary care](#), 11th August
- [COVID-19, the impact on the treatment of addictions. When life gives you lemons!](#), 20th August

8) Primary Care Direct: Free online webinars: Practice Managers' and PCN Managers' Huddles

Primary Care Direct has everything you need to transform, grow and develop your business for GP Practices, PCNs and Pharmacists the like. Through their hand-selected consortium of primary care specialists, you'll find all the guidance and advice you require, conveniently in one place – <https://primarycaredirect.co.uk/>.

- PCN Managers' Huddle with a focus on ARRS, Wednesday 19 August, 9.00am, [Book Here](#)
- Practice Managers' Huddle with a focus on Covid Comparisons, Wednesday 19 August, 15.30, [Book Here](#)

BHLMC Job Board Advertise your practice vacancies with us on our Job Board on the website [here](#). If you are interested in posting an advert please contact lmadmin@bhlmc.co.uk for more information.

If you have missed any of our regular bulletins for practices, please visit the [Weekly Updates](#) section of our website.

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