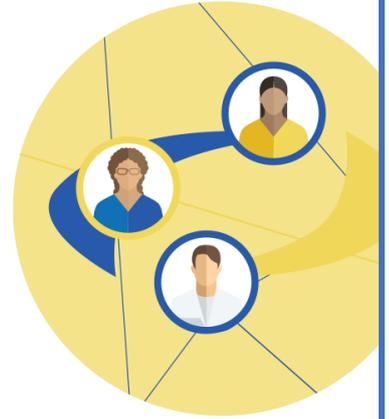


## Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire LMC Ltd: Weekly Update for Practices, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020



### 1. 50-64 year olds now eligible for flu vaccination

You'll be aware that the government announced this morning that [50-64 year olds can receive a flu vaccination from 1<sup>st</sup> December](#). We know that practices have been asking about this for months, as they need to plan additional flu clinics for this cohort. Practices had also been told that they were not allowed to order any of the additional stock for this cohort of patients until an announcement was made, and so there will now be a rush to order so as to get the vaccine in time and some practices are reporting they have been told vaccines won't be delivered until later in December. 7 working days' notice is really not enough time for already overworked and exhausted GPs and practice staff to put these arrangements in place. Please be aware that this has been outside of the control of the CCGs; they were as much in the dark about this as you and the LMC have been. We have asked CCGs to issue communications to 50-64 year olds to inform them that vaccines may not be available on 1<sup>st</sup> December and they should wait to be invited by their practice.

### 2. Covid Vaccination Programme

We have no further update about the covid vaccination programme since last week. Practices, PCNs, the CCGs and NHSE have been focusing on identifying sites and designated sites should be confirmed early next week. As soon as we have any further information we will share it with you, although we are also aware that you will be receiving updates from CCGs and via the East of England NHSE gateway and we want to avoid duplication of information as much as possible. If you have any queries, please let us know and if we are unable to answer them we will pass them up to GPC to make sure they are addressed in their discussions with NHSE.

### 3. Patients erroneously told they are eligible for a flu vaccination

Practices will be aware that NHS Digital incorrectly wrote to patients with a history of glandular fever telling them they are eligible for flu vaccination, and has since had to write again to apologise and correct their mistake. We have been informed by GPC that if practices have vaccinated a patient in these circumstances, they can claim payment under the DES.

### 4. Annual Conference of England LMCs

The 2020 Annual Conference of England LMCs is being held virtually on 27 November. The Agenda is available [on the BMA Website](#). The conference will also be webcast on the day. We will put details on the LMC website when we have them or you should be able to find it on the BMA website.

There is scope to submit Emergency Motions on anything which is "considered by the Agenda Committee to cover new business which has arisen since the last day for the receipt of motions" i.e. since 18 September. For instance, this might include the announcement of

the range of what additional flu funding does or does not cover; the announcement and detail of the COVID vaccination programme; the announcement of the timing of the 50-64 flu vaccination programme etc. If you have any Emergency Motions to submit, please let us have them in the LMC office by **close of play on Tuesday 24 November**, so that we have some time to discuss them with reps attending Conference and to finalise the wording before submitting to the Agenda Committee. If you want to submit an Emergency Motion, look at the way the starred motions (motions 5-20) are worded and try to follow them in the way they express the views of Conference and call for action from GPC England.

## **5. Beds & Herts LMC Business Fundamentals Programmes starting January 2021**

**\*\*APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR HERTFORDSHIRE & WEST ESSEX PRACTICES\*\***

This modular programme is aimed at GPs and Practice Managers who wish to gain a better understanding of the business aspects of general practice at operational and strategic level. The course provides practical tools to help build a strong, sustainable future in primary care. We recommend you have a minimum of 1 years' practice experience to get the most out of the course. These programmes are funded by the Herts & West Essex (H&WE) Training Hub, so you must be working in a practice in H&WE and be able to commit to all modules. Application deadline **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 5pm.**

For more information and how to apply, please visit [Business Fundamentals Programmes in Herts & West Essex.](#)

## **6. Free HIV webinar for GPs in Hertfordshire**

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 12:30 to 13:15**

### **Time for an update on HIV and PrEP?**

On World Aids Day, Terence Higgins Trust and Hertfordshire County Council are running a free lunchtime learning webinar. The session will cover pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), Undetectable = Untransmittable, and HIV testing and is open to all primary care clinicians in Hertfordshire.

To register please visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hiv-treatment-as-prevention-webinar-for-hertfordshire-primary-care-workers-tickets-128690481695>.

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