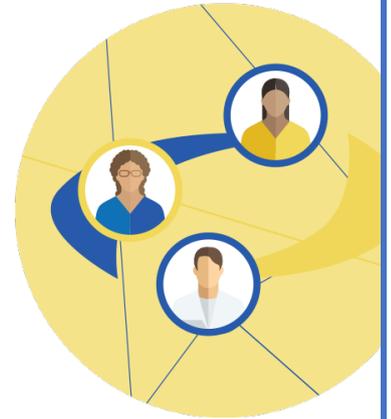


## Beds & Herts LMC Ltd: Weekly Update for Practices, Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021



### Meet the new members of our team!

#### **Dr Alice Baldock, Medical Director (Part Time)**

My focus has always been on GPs and how we are supported and represented. I have worked as a GP for over 20 years and as a Partner in a local practice for almost 12 years.



Throughout this time, we have seen the NHS change and we have adapted and continued to be the advocate for our patients. The LMC is our advocate. It is the voice of all GPs and guides us in negotiations at a local as well as national level. My drive is to increase awareness of the support we can provide to practices and GPs. This support can be in coaching, pastoral care, dispute management and training.

My work as an NHS Coach and appraiser has highlighted the need for LMC involvement at all stages and I am very much looking forward to working with the excellent team here in Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire.

#### **Dr Parul Karia, Medical Director (Part Time)**

In addition to working as a GP in Hertfordshire for almost 20 years, I started up and was CEO of a successful multidisciplinary private primary care business for over 12 years. As a result, I am particularly interested in Business Continuity and Resilience and the impact of digitisation in healthcare. This led me to study Digital Risk Management with the aim of helping organisations to navigate change, maximise the benefits and minimise the risks of new platforms of healthcare delivery.



I had always been aware of the LMC, mainly because of weekly updates in my inbox! I see them as an older sibling – someone who you might not have much to do with day to day, but you know they've always got your back. My appraiser pointed out the advert for the Medical Director role after our annual review and I quickly realised that I wanted to be involved in an organisation which provided a breadth of expertise whilst also representing and supporting all the GPs in the area.

Having met the wonderful team, I am excited to start my new role and support the work of the LMC in any way I can.

## **Extension to the shingles immunisation programme**

Individuals become eligible for routine vaccination against shingles when they reach age 70, and all those aged up to and including 79, are now eligible to receive the vaccine until they reach age 80.

Individuals who are eligible for the shingles vaccination programme who turned 80 years during the pandemic and missed the opportunity to be vaccinated can now be vaccinated until 31 July. There are no contractual changes to this programme, the offer of vaccination is opportunistic or if requested for the catch-up cohort. GPs will continue to be reimbursed via the standard item of service fee, which should be claimed manually.

## **Proof of COVID vaccination or status for travel purposes**

Recently there has been a suggestion that the NHS App may be used to show proof of COVID vaccination and/or immune status, and there have been concerns that this could lead to more work for practices where patients can't find a record of the vaccination or test results on their App, or from patients who don't have a smart phone. We haven't had an official update on this yet, but we received some information from the GPC last week that we think may be helpful.

- Discussions are still going on about how this will work and in what context people may be asked to show evidence of a vaccination or status (e.g. international travel, large scale events). This is still being worked through.
- Data feed for the app is from the national data platform so vaccination data will be populated from NIMS and swab data from PHE. **It will be nothing to do with data from the GP record. It will not require the practice to have given the patient full access to their record.**
- For patients who don't have the app, it will be 119 who will service their need and requests to ascertain COVID status or vaccination certification.

We have been assured that GPC is on the case with this, and making sure whatever solution is found will not impact on GPs and practices. As soon as we have any more information, we will share it with you.

## **Launch of framework for suppliers of digital services to general practice**

The new [Digital first online consultation and video consultation framework](#) has been launched, which is intended to improve the standards of systems available for patients and practices. The new procurement framework means that PCNs working with commissioners can choose assured systems from a range of suppliers to better meet local needs.

The framework will allow products to be better tailored to user needs, including integrating online consultation systems with GP clinical systems and sending requests to other primary care services to reduce pressure on practices and navigate patients effectively.

## Adult Safeguarding Webinars for Hertfordshire Practitioners

Beds & Herts LMC, East & North Herts CCG and Herts Valleys CCG invite GPs, Nurses and other safeguarding leads working in Hertfordshire to attend two Adult Safeguarding Webinars. There are two dates for each webinar, but you only need to attend one. Each contribute to your Adult Safeguarding Update training requirements.

### a) Mental Capacity Act Webinar

This webinar is delivered by an expert lawyer in the field of mental capacity law who has led the Law Commission's review of the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards and is currently the legal adviser to DHSC.

#### Dates:

Tuesday 15th June 1.30pm - 4.30pm

or

Wednesday 13th October, 1.30 - 4.30pm

#### Agenda:

- Apply the Mental Capacity Act confidently in practice
- How to undertake a capacity assessment– including who should assess capacity
- Making a 'best interests' decision – including the importance of wishes and feelings
- How to manage fluctuating capacity
- Medical treatment issues – including advance decisions and DNACPRs
- What is a deprivation of liberty and what should do about it?

For more information and how to register your FREE place, please [view here](#).

### b) Domestic Abuse and Older People Webinar

This webinar is delivered by a Domestic Abuse expert and the Independent Domestic Violence Advocacy Service, the single point of referral for Hertfordshire.

#### Dates:

Wednesday 30th June, 1.30pm - 4.30pm

or

Thursday 21st October, 1.30pm - 4.30pm

#### Agenda:

- Understand the dynamics of domestic abuse involving older victims
- Recognise some of the specific risk factors associated with this group
- Gain an awareness of the barriers to help seeking
- The role of healthcare in recognising and responding
- Understand the potential for perpetrator management in a healthcare setting
- Gain an awareness of the IDVA service in Hertfordshire.

For more information and how to register your FREE place, please [view here](#).

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

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