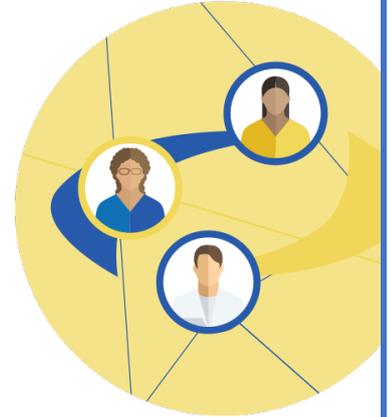


Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire LMC Ltd: Weekly Update for Practices, Wednesday 27th October 2021



1. GPC rejection of the NHSE GP Access Plan/‘rescue package’

We sent out to you last week information from the GPC about the vote they had on rejecting the NHSE GP Access Plan and a number of other GPC votes. We are still waiting for further clarification and guidance from GPC on a number of issues related to these votes. When we have had clarification and guidance from the GPC, we will share it with local practices.

2. Workload control in general practice

Last week GPC England also resolved that practices should be encouraged to take actions to prioritise higher quality of care that delivers a safer service to your patients and protects the wellbeing of your workforce. GPC said that practices should not feel pressured to return to a traditional 10 minute treadmill of face to face consultations, that are neither good for patients nor clinicians. Instead, they believe that you should:

- Offer patients consultations that are 15 minutes or more
- Apply to close the practice list in order to focus on the needs of existing patients
- Stop all non-GMS work to give priority to GMS care
- Reject all shifted work from secondary care that has not been properly commissioned
- Not accept additional NHS 111 referrals above the contractual 1 per 3000 patients
- Stop unnecessary cost-based prescribing audits in order to focus on quality care
- Decline to do additional extended access sessions in order to focus on the core work of the practice

GPC has said that they will provide more guidance in the coming days on what practices could do if NHSE/I and government fail to take the action needed to properly support general practice.

We will send out further updates when we have had further clarification from GPC. In the meantime, if you want to discuss your options about individual practice workload or PCN membership and workload, do feel free to contact the LMC office.

3. Analysis of NHSE/I ‘rescue package’

Following BMA/GPC’s [initial response](#) to the NHSEI/government’s ‘[rescue package](#)’ – they have done some rapid analysis of each element of the package that shows just how many sticks there are. Their [analysis](#) shows what the package really means for general practice and highlight that it consists mainly of things NHSE/I and/or government has already stated or things that are already the case, and it is clear that the few positives are completely outweighed by the impact of the negatives (often packaged as positives). GPC say that they hope this will help explain just how damaging the package is and dispel any suggestion that this provides the necessary support for general practice.

The GPC has also updated their [General Practice factsheet](#) showing the facts and figures of the crisis. These are also available on their [Support your Surgery campaign page](#).

4. Letter to all local MPs

Following the publication of NHS England's 'Our plan for improving access for patients and supporting general practice', we have written to all Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire MPs to express our disappointment and concerns with the document.

[Read the letter here](#)

5. Hertfordshire and West Essex Shared Care Record - Hertfordshire Practices Only

The Hertfordshire and West Essex Shared Care Record has gone live with a first phase of connections including GP practices in Hertfordshire.

Once fully rolled out, the Shared Care Record will bring together information from across health and social care into a real-time summary that is easily accessed from within a patient's record in SystmOne or EMIS. This work responds to the national directive for all ICS areas to implement a shared care record [and builds on existing work in this area under the My Care Record approach and information governance framework.](#)

This four-minute [video](#) answers some key questions about how to use the information that will be available. [System training is being rolled out to practices over the next few weeks.](#) Please contact vicki.anderson7@nhs.net for more information.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T_UP0EyzS-k

6. Level 3 Children & Adult Safeguarding, Wednesday 3rd November, 2 – 4.30pm

Webinar for general practice in Herts & West Essex

Agenda:

1. Managing and safeguarding of individuals with complex needs as a result of drug or alcohol dependency.
2. Safeguarding children during the Covid-19 pandemic, post lockdown and the road to recovery.

[More information and register your free place here](#)

7. GP Pensions Update Webinar, Thursday 4th November 2021, 7.00 - 8.00pm

Webinar for GPs in Beds & Herts

GP Pensions Update Webinar hosted by Beds & Herts LMC Ltd, presented by MacArthur Gordon Ltd, medical financial specialists.

Agenda:

The NHS pension schemes, pension tax and the "McCloud" age discrimination case:

- 1995/2008/2015 Schemes and the impact of the McCloud Age Discrimination Case
- Annual Allowance / Tapered Annual Allowance – impact of the changes, options available, deadlines for Scheme Pays and the 19/20 Compensation Scheme
- Lifetime Allowance – implications of exceeding, protection, options available
- 24 Hour Retirement – the requirements outlining the current suspension of 16-hour limits, why, when and how
- Planning – debts and liabilities, leaving the practice, changing role.

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