



Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire LMC Ltd: Weekly Update for Practices, Monday 04th April 2022

1. Network Contract Directed Enhanced Service – Contract Specification 2022/23 – PCN Requirements and Entitlements

NHSE last week issued the revised contract specifications for 2022/23. The LMC will be reviewing over the course of the next week and will be issuing a summary of any changes or additions to what has previously been published.

The contract can be found in the following link.

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/network-contract-directed-enhanced-service-contract-specification-2022-23-pcn-requirements-and-entitlements/>

2. Living with COVID-19

Last week, NHSE issued new guidance for both patients and staff, which included an update on isolation rules and returning to work. A copy of the letter can be accessed [here](#).

3. Accelerated Patient Access to Records

The GPC confirmed last week that this will now **not go live** in April. No future date has been announced. They (GPC) are in negotiation discussions with NHSE/X to ensure that this is safe for patients, and workable for practices before it is launched.

4. National Data Opt Out

This initiative did not go live as planned on the 31st March, and has been extended until the 31st July. Further details and clarification can be found in the following link:

<https://digital.nhs.uk/services/national-data-opt-out/compliance-with-the-national-data-opt-out>

5. Coronavirus testing for accessing COVID 19 treatments for non-hospitalised patients

The Government has announced changes to its policy on coronavirus testing in England. Patients eligible for COVID-19 treatments through a COVID Medicines Delivery Unit (CMDU) will now need to use a Lateral Flow Test, which will be supplied to them by UKHSA, for use at home if they have symptoms of COVID-19. A copy of the letter can be found [here](#)

6. Review of Current GP Representative structure – GPDF consultation

There is still time to complete the GPDF consultation on the review of current GP representative structure. The closing date is Wednesday 6th April 2022. The consultation can be accessed via this link: <https://surveys.opinionsite.com/survey/selfserve/20dc/2203166?list=3>

This consultation is conducted on a fully confidential basis which means that the identity of the participants will not be provided to anyone other than the research organisation administering the consultation.

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