

Upcoming Events

LMC Meeting

The next LMC Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 08th September 2021 at 7:45pm**

PTL Event

The next PTL Event will be held on **05th October 2021**

AGM Meeting

The next AGM Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 13th October 2021 at 7:00pm**



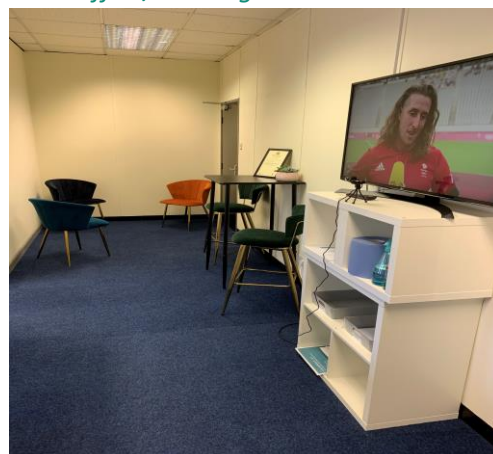
Monthly Communiqué – July 2021

New LMC Office

Calderdale LMC now have offices which are based in Dean Clough and became a limited company on the 09th April 2021.



Main office/meeting area



Seating area



Over the last month Calderdale LMC have restructured its staff, and now have a Liaison Project Officer, Davina McDonald who joined full-time at the beginning of July. The LMC also have a new PM representative, Claire Cox who joined in July.

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Overview of LMC Meeting

Face Masks

In recent key messages sent out by the CCG, 2 posters were sent out to practices in support of the continual wearing of face masks. These can be found on the LMC website.

Gold Call

CHFT raised a system wide gold call owing to extreme pressures with workforce and volume of patients. The LMC are representing general practice at the weekly gold and silver system meetings. The main issue currently is around workforce and the volume of staff who are absent from work and the ability to secure safe staffing into all areas to maintain all services. There are daily gold call meetings which have been happening in the trust, where they are reviewing the safety of staffing levels and the deployment of staff into the most pressured areas along with what actions can be taken to support roles in clinical and non-clinical areas.

OPEL Levels

It is strongly recommended that all practices report their OPEL levels and make sure they are up to date. There is assurance from the LMC that this is not to put a spotlight on practices. These OPEL levels are needed for the gold call meetings as there needs to be a real picture of what the pressures on general practice workforce and capacity are. The LMC and CCG are currently reviewing the OPEL reporting to improve the status of general practice in the wider system.

Covid Vaccine / Booster – Phase 3

Discussions are currently ongoing to clarify co-administration of the covid vaccine and flu vaccine, along with the locations for delivery of these.

Current LMC Engagement

The following are some of the critical areas where the LMC are currently engaged working on behalf of practices across Calderdale. In summary, these include:

- System Gold and Silver Calls – Due to the pressure on the system at Calderdale Hospital Foundation Trust at both the Halifax and Huddersfield sites, we are members of both important system meetings. Our key role is to ensure that the system fully

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understands the high level of pressure experienced across general practice, increased patient demand, workforce pressures and the importance of ensuring where other providers reduce any service provision this does not have a consequential impact on general practice. A further aspect of this engagement is additional meetings taking place weekly between the LMC, CCG and CHFT Community Services to ensure minimal impact on shared patient services.

- **NHSe White Paper Implementation** – A significant amount of planning is taking place as we approach the replacement of CCGs with Integrated Care Pathways (ICPs) in Calderdale. The LMC are fully engaged in key boards as representatives of general practice. These boards include the Development Board that consists of key senior managers from health, local authority and VCS organisations, additionally we are also part of the developing Clinical and Professional forum who will play a key role in advising on all clinical aspects of future provision.
- **Local Enhanced Service Review** – All clinical services currently provided through LES arrangements are being reviewed with a view to new contracts and specifications being provided in 2022. We are a member of the review working group and actively engaged in the development of new clinical specs alongside the discussions regarding funding arrangements.

PM Development Program

Later this year, a new development programme will be launched for Practice Managers. This follows the LMC successfully securing funding for two cohorts for 2021 – 2023. Each cohort will include one manager from each practice in Calderdale. The programme itself will include a full day development workshop followed by the provision of a personalised mentoring / coaching programme for each manager. This is an exciting development that we know will not only benefit existing managers across Calderdale but will also support practices in succession planning for the future.

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