



PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET

Introduction

The architecture of the NHS is changing fundamentally to integrate health and care systems in response to increasing needs but limited budgets. General Practice is fundamental to these reforms and LMCs need to be able to represent GP's interests in securing the future of General Practice and its voice in the new world. At the same time the complexity of regulation means that Practices need robust support and advice from their LMC to survive and prosper.

LMCs have very little support or training to fulfil these roles and are often disadvantaged when sitting with colleagues from elsewhere in the NHS around the Board or negotiating table.

The LMC Development Project

Therefore, we are carrying out a Project that aims to address this deficiency by facilitating a network of LMC support so that each LMC is not alone but can call on the collective knowledge and expertise of all LMCs. This will be in the form of accessible reference material to support everyday LMC practice and a structured programme of induction, training, and development for all LMC elected officers and senior staff across the four nations.

The Project is led by Peter Higgins, CEO of Lancashire & Cumbria Consortium of LMCs and Michael Wright, CEO of Nottinghamshire LMC with Mariah Mulberry providing management to the project. We are working closely with a number of LMCs to ensure that we give ourselves the best chance of delivering resources for you, but we need your help.

Let us help you

The research involves a questionnaire to help us identify the support and training needs of LMC officers. It includes a questionnaire for each LMC officer engaged on an employed or honoraria basis e.g. CEOs, Medical and non-Medical Directors, Officers, Staff, Chairs, Vice-Chairs, and members who provide advice and attend meetings on behalf of the LMC.

We may also invite you to do an online interview or participate in a focus group, if you were happy to do this. There will also be a second questionnaire inviting examples of existing good practice within an LMC. This will be answered by one person on behalf of your LMC. The second questionnaire is expected to be sent out in May.

We will be truly grateful for your participation which will help investigate the ongoing training needs within LMCs. You are free to withdraw your answers from the study at any time, your name, if you provide it, will remain confidential throughout and the data will be kept securely and will be used anonymously.

If you have any questions about the project, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mariah Mulberry, Project Manager