



3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019

Dear Practices,

**Re: Unfunded Non-GMS Services**

The LMC is aware that over the past year, due to increasing workload and in order to safeguard the provision of core essential GMS services, some practices in Buckinghamshire have withdrawn the provision of some non-GMS services. These services include, but are not limited to:

- Ear syringing
- 24hr blood pressure monitoring
- Diagnostic spirometry
- ECGs
- Ring pessaries
- PSA monitoring
- MGUS monitoring

The LMC reminds practices that the services mentioned above are not core GMS services and practices are under no contractual obligation to provide these services. A more comprehensive but non-exhaustive list of such non-core services has been compiled by the BMA and can be found here: <https://www.bma.org.uk/advice/employment/gp-practices/quality-first/assess-and-negotiate-your-workload/enhanced-services>

If such services are to be provided by primary care then they should be commissioned via a local enhanced service with appropriate funding and resources. The LMC continues to work with the CCG in negotiating such enhanced service agreements going forward.

In the meantime, the LMC fully supports any practice which withdraws such non-GMS services in order to ensure their essential core GMS services are prioritised. Whilst there is no contractual requirement to give notice of such a withdrawal, practices may wish to give the CCG notice, so that contingency planning can be done by commissioners. An example of a notice letter sent by constituent practices is attached to this communication.

Sincerely,



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Chief Executive Officer