

**To: All Salford and Trafford LMC Practices**

Dear Colleague

**ANNOUNCING THE LAUNCH OF THE SALFORD AND TRAFFORD LMC BUYING GROUP. A MAJOR INITIATIVE TO SAVE YOUR PRACTICE MONEY!**

**[www.lmcbuyinggroups.co.uk](http://www.lmcbuyinggroups.co.uk)**

In the midst of a recession, when practices are already suffering the effects of several years without any significant uplift in NHS income, all practices will be concerned to rein back on expenditure and find savings wherever possible. Salford and Trafford LMC is accordingly delighted to tell you of an initiative by which we hope to save you considerable sums of money without causing you any extra work or inconvenience.

This initiative is the *LMC Buying Group*, which is now operational. It is run with the assistance of colleagues in other LMCs who have several years experience in delivering savings to practices and with whom we will be joining in a national *Federation of LMC Buying Groups*.

The fact sheet tells you about this initiative, which attempts to answer the most obvious questions about the group and how it operates. You will see that membership is entirely free and that there is no compulsion to buy from any of our approved suppliers.

We believe that, having read what this entails, you will want to benefit from this initiative and that you will be happy for us and our approved suppliers to send information directly to you about the discounts on goods and services now available to you. We have therefore included all practices that pay the LMC levy as part of the Buying Group.. If for any reason, you decide you do not want to be part of this initiative, please let us know and we will remove your practice from the list of members. You should have received a welcome pack containing details of our suppliers and other relevant information in the near future. This will include a **user name and password** to enable you to access the Buying Groups Federation website and other benefits.

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact us.

With best wishes (and hopes for future cost savings!).

Yours sincerely

**LMC Buying Group**