

LMC ViewPoint



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LMC ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2017

The LMC conference 2017 took place in Edinburgh on Thursday 18 and Friday 19 May 2017.

The annual two-day Local Medical Committees (LMCs) conference was an opportunity for representatives to create policy for future General Practitioners Committee (GPC) and BMA action for the following year.

Many of the issues raised by Leeds LMC and put forward as motions for debate were contained within the agenda and supported by other LMCs from around the country. Leeds LMC vice-chair, Dr Nicola Hambridge, successfully proposed a motion highlighting the serious problems with the service provided by Primary Care Support England (Capita) and called for urgent improvements to be made.

The attached link to the full report provides a useful summary of all the motions debated:

[LMC Annual Conference News](#)

SERVICE CHARGES ISSUES – NHS PROPERTY SERVICES AND COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP PREMISES

The BMA GP Committee (GPC) is working to resolve issues that practices in NHS Property Services and Community Health Partnerships premises are experiencing with regards to service charges. This is an issue that we know is of utmost importance to those practices occupying NHSPS or CHP owned premises and is therefore of utmost importance to the BMA. While they hope to reach a negotiated agreement on these issues, they are considering all options to ensure this issue is addressed swiftly and the resolution is fair and reasonable for practices.

Please find attached to this edition of Viewpoint a letter and questionnaire to practices in NHS PS premises, a letter and questionnaire to practices in CHP premises and a list of premises owned by NHS PS and/or CHP in Leeds. The BMA are aware of the destabilising effect the issue of service charges is causing to many practices. Through the questionnaire, they are looking for information from practices on the issues, and we would encourage affected practices to fill out the questionnaire, and return it by 23 June 2017. Further information is included in the attached documents.

ONLINE RESEARCH - GP & NURSES VIEWS ON QUESTIONNAIRES TO IDENTIFY DEPRESSION

Kate McLintock, GP Lecturer in Primary Care (Leeds Institute of Health Sciences), would like to invite GPs to take part in on line research which aims to understand what GPs and nurses working in NHS general practice think about the use of simple questionnaires to identify depression. You will be aware that NICE recommend we undertake case finding for depression in patients with long-term physical conditions, and that case finding for depression in those with diagnoses of diabetes and/or heart disease was incentivised by QOF until 2013. There has been lots of disagreement about the value of this approach and she would be interested in your views. All data used in this project will be anonymised.

By taking part you will contribute to understanding whether case finding could be more effectively implemented and incorporated in to primary care.

If you would like to consider taking part, please email (k.l.mclintock@leeds.ac.uk). Kate will forward you a study information leaflet which explains the reasons behind the research and what the study will involve. Relevant ethical approval for this research has been granted (IRAS Project ID: 219797 REC reference number: 11/EM/0144). A £20 eVoucher will be offered to those who complete the survey.

END-OF-LIFE CARE AND PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED DYING PROJECT

Throughout 2015 the BMA undertook a major project seeking the views from members and the public on their experiences, views, and perceptions on end-of-life care and some aspects of physician-assisted dying. With a specialist social research agency, they held 21 dialogue events across the UK and engaged with over 500 doctors and members of the public.

After reviewing the findings and liaising with a variety of organisations they came up with a series of recommendations around end-of-life care. A leaflet setting out the key recommendations can be found [here](#). Some of the recommendations are directed at healthcare providers, and some of these are in areas where some simple changes could have a significant impact. We have been asked to promote awareness of this work, and the recommendations, amongst GPs and commissioners.

Emotional support for doctors

One significant finding was the emotional toll that caring for patients at the end of life can have on doctors and the lack of emotional support available to them in many parts of the country. The project followed up on this work by asking questions relating to the impact on doctors of caring for dying patients in the regular on-line survey of 2,500 BMA members. They found that:

- - nearly 70% of respondents sometimes felt that caring for patients at the end of life had an emotional impact on them personally and 25% were always affected
- of those affected emotionally, only 15% had accessed formal or informal support networks locally or nationally
- only 18% felt there was sufficient support available to doctors caring for dying patients.

One of the respondents summed up concerns by saying “I don’t think we spend time thinking about the emotional impact, so we bottle it up then burn out.” We all want to avoid this. This means putting systems in place but also removing the stigma attached to seeking help, so that staff are encouraged to seek help and support at an early stage, before these stresses begin to have a negative impact on their health and their ability to care for patients.

Many of the doctors referred to local mechanisms that were inexpensive to put in place but had a significant impact on staff well-being and we are encouraging others to consider the services in place locally and how these can be improved. There is also a role for national services, such as the BMA’s counselling and doctor advisor service which is accessible, free of charge, to all doctors.

Information about this service and promotional materials can be found at

www.bma.org.uk/doctorsfordoctors.

REMINDER – GUIDANCE FROM PUBLIC HEALTH ENGLAND ON ADVICE FOR GPs ON MYCOBACTERIUM CHIMAERA INFECTIONS ASSOCIATE WITH CARDIOPULMONARY BYPASS

Some GPs may have not seen the letter which provides guidance from Public Health England on advice for GPs on *Mycobacterium chimaera* infections associated with cardiopulmonary bypass. This remains a national issue, raised last year, about risk of infections in patients that have been on cardiac bypass machines (some risk of infection from the heater coolers used). Patients are being asked to see their GPs if thought to be at risk. We have attached a copy of the guidance again.

CYBER ATTACK UPDATE - NEED FOR UP TO DATE OUT OF HOURS GP CONTACT LIST

The impact of the recent cyber-attack that hit many other areas of the NHS was fortunately very limited in Leeds. Devices with Windows 7 or 10 appeared to escape the virus and software had been regularly updated. The LMC have fed back comments received from practices about the good communications from CCGs to practices. All Leeds practices should ensure they produce an up to date out-of-hours GP contact list for the CCG to ensure we are prepared should another incident take place in the future.

LEEDS PRIMARY CARE NEWS – GUIDELINE TO TREATING GONORRHOEA

In view of the difficulties many patients experience accessing the integrated sexual health clinic for treatment of gonorrhoea some patients may be seen in GP surgeries and request treatment.

Please see attached to this version of Viewpoint a copy of the full Draft Primary Care Guideline for Treatment of Gonorrhoea. The guidance covers this helpful section below:

It is expected that the majority of patients with suspected gonorrhoea will be referred to the new Leeds Sexual Health Service for full management including access to IM Ceftriaxone which is available at all hubs and spokes of the new service. Outside LSHS hours, the patients can be seen in the Acute Gynaecology Assessment Unit on Ward 24 at St James's. Please arrange this by contacting the Gynaecological Registrar on call via the hospital's switchboard on (0113) 243 3144.

NEW DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LEAFLETS / INFORMATION

Please find attached the new Domestic Violence leaflets/information. Also attached is a new patient information leaflet about MARAC, the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference.

These are for both professional and patient information as appropriate.

SECONDARY CARE PROVIDER INCIDENT AND QUERY REPORTING

Following the changes to the hospital standard contract many practices have been using the BMA template letters to highlight to hospital colleagues when work is being inappropriately transferred to practices and could be better dealt with through improved hospital systems. Following discussions with CCGs, they have now put in place a system for practices to use to report incidents, which includes other methods of reporting provider queries to the CCGs and not just the breach templates. This has already been circulated in the Leeds CCGs citywide bulletin and a copy has been attached to this edition on Viewpoint. Please send any queries you may have to us at mail@leedslmc.org. Going forward a regular report of this nature will be included in Viewpoint on a quarterly basis. In addition, we are hoping to include the BMA breach template report in our July Viewpoint newsletter.

PULSE POWER 50 SURVEY

The medical magazine Pulse have asked for the LMC's support in encouraging Leeds GPs to nominate local GPs in their practice or CCG using the survey below.

Pulse are keen on increasing their respondent numbers and finding and promoting the most inspirational GP leaders in the UK. In particular they are looking for unsung heroes – those who do great work locally with little recognition. Please click [here](#) complete the survey.

DEVELOPING A VISION FOR GPs IN LEEDS

The LMC has previously circulated the draft “Developing a Vision for GPs in Leeds” on behalf of the Leeds GP Provider Forum to all practices, inviting any comments on the proposals of the LMC to collate and feedback. This has been attached again for your information and there is still time to let us know what you think of this planned way of working in the future.

INVITATION – FORUM CENTRAL – MASSIVE MARKET PLACE

The Forum Central team, the voice of the 3rd sector in Leeds, would like to invite GPs to attend their MASSIVE Market Place which will happen on Tuesday 4th July at The Bridge Church and Conference Centre, Rider Street, LS9 7BQ.

This free event is an opportunity to find out about the vast range of services and activities the third sector provides in Leeds to support people’s health and social care. There will be exhibitors from the fields of learning disability, mental health, older people and physical and sensory impairment, plus those who work in a more general health and social care setting. There is expected to be a good turnout at this event, invitations have gone out to people who currently access existing third sector provision, their carers’ and supporters, delivery partners across Leeds City Council and the NHS, including commissioners and chief officers, and a range of other partners from the public, health, education and private sectors.

As well as the Market Place, there will also be some live performances and interactive workshops and activities taking place over the day.

This is a ‘drop-in’ event with doors opening at 10.30am and closing at 3.30pm. There is a cafe on site should you wish to purchase your own refreshments, and a large car park for those travelling by car and the venue is about a 15-minute walk from the bus station.

LYMPHOMA STUDY DAY AT LEEDS

The Lymphoma Association are a national charity who run a programme of education and training events throughout the year aimed at healthcare professionals. Please see information below about the Lymphoma Study Day held being held in Leeds. The day is an ideal introduction to lymphatic cancers for allied healthcare professionals, primary care practitioners, nurses and staff new to haemato-oncology.

Date: 14 July 2017

Location: WellMet Conferencing, Cloth Hall Court, Quebec Street, Leeds, LS1 2HA

Bookings have opened for our latest Focus on lymphoma study day which is coming to Leeds in July.

This one day course is idea introduction to lymphatic cancers for allied healthcare professionals and staff new to haemato-oncology. Sessions should help attendees to further understand the treatment and management of lymphoma and explore the needs of this patient group.

View the preliminary programme [here](#)

To book your place please click [here](#)

The programme is endorsed by UKONS. Participants will receive a certificate of attendance for six study hours which can be used for CPD purposes.

Lectures will be delivered by expert medical, nursing and patient speakers and there will be time for networking with colleagues from across the region. Registration is £25 and includes refreshments and buffet lunch.

THE IMPORTANCE OF LEEDS LMC SOCIAL MEDIA

The LMC would like to ask for your support in helping boost our Social Media channels, help us spread awareness and knowledge of who the LMC are, what we do and how we can help represent and support the interests of General Practitioners in Leeds. By doing so we want to help, support and engage better with GPs.

Visit our Social Media networks TODAY and be part of the professional voice of Leeds General Practice!



Facebook - **Like** our page [Leeds Local Medical Committee](#)



Twitter - **Follow** us at [@Leedslmc](#)

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CURRENT KEY DISCUSSION AREAS BY THE LMC
....please contact the LMC Office for current status.....

- **Service Charge Issues**
- **Leeds & York Partnership NHS Foundation Trust Enhanced Primary Care Liaison Pilot**

GENERAL INFORMATION DISTRIBUTED TO PRACTICES THIS MONTH

Listed below is the information the LMC has sent to Practices recently. If for any reason you would like another copy and/or further information, please contact us.

- **Draft Developing a Vision for GPs in Leeds**

COMINGS AND GOINGS

A warm welcome to.....

Joanne Ward who started as practice manager at New Cross Surgery, Middleton Park Surgery and Swillington Health Practice on 15th May

Good bye and best wishes to...

Dr Peter Eastwood who retired from general practice on 14th April 2017 after working for over 32 years as a GP partner at Ashfield Medical Centre

Practice vacancies at.....

Clinical Associate GP – Chapeltown, Leeds

1 session pw, for 9 months in the first instance

We have an exciting opportunity for a motivated GP who is enthusiastic about improving care, to join our Locality team. We need clinical excellence alongside a flair for development as we introduce the new role of Clinical Associate into Chapeltown GP Locality.

Your commitment to high quality health care, addressing health inequalities and serving a diverse population will be as important as your excellent clinical skills and relevant experience. The role would ideally suit a clinician with experience of Chapeltown or a similar area, who is looking for a non-patient facing session to continue the innovative and exciting work already being developed in the locality.

The role would liaise across practices and interact with all staffing groups, primarily focussed on ensuring consistency and quality in the clinical and administrative processes that impact on patient care as well as effect GP workload. The post holder would be expected to ensure production and then adoption of shared protocols and processes that impact on direct patient care. One such example based on recent issues with urinalysis/MSU management would be the development of a consistent management of suspected UTI from reception of call, use of 'suspected UTI protocols', and MSU sending and prescribing policy.

We can promise you supportive professional development and a flexible, innovative patient-focused environment where both patients and staff are highly valued.

For an informal visit or chat, please contact Jonathan Adams, Chapeltown Clinical lead GP, via camilla.hawkes@nhs.net or 0113 284 9749. To apply, please read the application pack available at : <http://www.stmartinspracticeleeds.nhs.uk/info.aspx?p=14> and send a CV and cover letter to camilla.hawkes@nhs.net.

Closing date: Friday 09.00 Monday 16th June 2017

St Martins Practice, 317-319 Chapeltown Road, Leeds LS7 3JT

GP Partner/s Required: Sheffield: Devonshire Green & Hanover Medical Centres

We are a busy, caring city centre training practice with wide variety of patients including outreach care to homeless.

Enthusiastic team working at the 'Deep End' with passion for training: registrars, nurses, medical students, PAs

- Patient-centred, holistic care
- High QOF achievement
- NHS Beacon Award for innovative Homeless Care

New partner or partners sought to join our friendly, supportive team, which currently comprises five partners, three nurses, one HCA and administrative staff, providing GMS care from two centrally located, purpose built premises.

Are you interested in providing and developing high quality care and adapting services to meet the challenges of the future?

Suggested commitment up to 7 sessions per week, but flexibility possible for the right candidate (or candidates). Partnership offered after mutual assessment. Share in building ownership offered but not essential.

For further information, inc. practice profile, contact Deirdre Malesa, Business Manager:
DeirdreMalesa@nhs.net

For informal enquiries, or to arrange visit contact Dr Elizabeth Allsopp: Elizabeth.Allsopp@nhs.net

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Interviews: TBC

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