

LMC ViewPoint

The newsletter of Leeds Local Medical Committee Limited

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SAVING GENERAL PRACTICE

The BMA GPs committee has launched a paper entitled Saving General Practice which highlights the challenges facing general practice and the urgent action required by the Government and other bodies to address them. It outlines the issues most important to GPs, sets the course in defining strategies to achieve them, and provides the Government with a GP-designed roadmap to solve the crisis in general practice and deliver the outcomes patients deserve.

The Royal College of GPs responded to the publication by stating that they welcome the BMA's report, which backs up its position on severe workload and workforce pressures facing general practice, and the need for further investment and resources to support GPs and their teams. Follow the campaign on Twitter using #savingGP

The chair of GPC recorded a video message ahead of the launch. To view the video, please follow the link below

Download the full document [here](#)

View the chair's video message [here](#)

WALK IN MY SHOESTOOLKIT

Our colleagues at Community Pharmacy West Yorkshire have shared with us an initiative to encourage stronger links between practices and pharmacies. Please find a [link](#) to the Walk in my Shoes toolkit. Please share within your practice to help improve relationships and improve understanding of each sector.

There is also a video [link](#) to explain the Lewisham project:

QOF REVIEW PUBLIC AND PATIENT ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITY

GPC and NHS England are working on a review of QOF. As part of this work, three reference groups are being created to focus on the following areas: a patient and public reference group; a commissioner's reference group; and a practice reference group. They are particularly keen to seek views on what makes a good quality primary care experience and consider how the current scheme could change to support and recognise this further. The role on this group will involve attending a meeting in January and possibly participating in a further meeting or group telephone call in the spring. In addition, they may request additional engagement with the groups either through WebEx or telephone.

One of the meetings will take place in Leeds on 18 January. The role offers reimbursement of reasonable expenses in line with our policy.

If you are interested in participating in one of these reference groups or would like further information, please email Anisa Varsani on england.qofreview@nhs.net or contact 07730 380 387. The closing date for expressions of interest is 15 December 2017.

PHE HEPATITIS A AND HEPATITIS A/B VACCINE PGDs

Public Health England has published the following [PGD templates](#) on their website:

- Hep A, which supports the provision of hepatitis A vaccine to individuals considered at high risk of exposure to hepatitis A or post exposure to hepatitis A virus.
- Hep A/B vaccine, which supports the provision of Hep A/B vaccine to individuals over one year of age requiring pre-exposure immunisation against hepatitis A and B virus.
- Hep A/B vaccine (Temp) PGD, which has been issued for use during the global shortage of hepatitis vaccine affecting UK supply. It supports the administration of Hep A/B vaccine to individuals requiring pre-exposure or post-exposure immunisation against hepatitis A or B virus in accordance with PHE temporary dose sparing advice, to preserve and prioritise monovalent hepatitis vaccine stock for those with the greatest ability to benefit and highest immediate need.

These PGD templates require organisational authorisation in line with HMR2012 before they are legally valid PGDs and we are seeking this from Leeds CCGs

These, along with all the other immunisation PGD templates, are available on the [PHE website](#), and a link has also been added to the GPC's [PGD guidance page](#).

EXTENSION OF THE SEASONAL FLU PROGRAMME TO INCLUDE SOCIAL CARE WORKERS

NHS England has announced that for the 2017/18 flu season, the delivery of flu immunisation will be extended to include social care workers that offer direct patient care.

The [influenza vaccine PGD template](#) has been amended to include the vaccination of health and social care staff, employed by a registered residential care/nursing home or registered domiciliary care provider, who are directly involved in the care of vulnerable patients/clients who are at increased risk from exposure to influenza, meaning those patients/clients in a clinical risk group (see [Appendix A](#)) or aged 65 years and over.

Note that the previous version (v04.00) is not being formally withdrawn in order to ensure continuity of service and may still be used this season (until 31 March 2018). However, this new version of the PGD will be needed to vaccinate health and social care staff in line with the NHS commissioned service when it is commenced.

A GP enhanced service specification has been published on the [NHS England website](#) at: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/seasonal-influenza-vaccination-programme-for-care-and-nursing-home-workers-201718/>.

SWITCHING TO SNOMED CT APRIL 2018

Please see attached a letter from the co-chairs of the BMA / RCGP Joint GP IT Committee regarding the move to SNOMED CT from Read and CTV3 codes that will take place in April next year. The letter aims to answer questions that practices may have about the switch and also directs to helpful advice and guidance for practices to use.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU ARE REFERRED BY YOUR GP TO SEE A SPECIALIST? – PATIENT LEAFLET PUBLISHED

New measures have been introduced into the NHS Standard Contract to try to provide more seamless care for patients between general practices and hospitals. A patient facing leaflet has now been produced, telling patients what should happen if they are referred by their GP to see a specialist or consultant at a hospital or in a community health centre.

NHS England has agreed to provide each practice with the first 200 leaflets for you to distribute to

patients when referring. You can then download and print any additional copies to meet your local requirements. An electronic copy is available from [NHS England's website](#).

GUIDANCE FOR SALARIED GPs WORKING UNDER NEW MODELS OF CARE

The GPC's Sessional GPs subcommittee has published a new focus on document for salaried GPs working under new models of care. It is available on the BMA website:

<https://www.bma.org.uk/collective-voice/committees/general-practitioners-committee/sessional-gps-subcommittee/salaried-gps-working-under-new-models-of-care>

PCSE/CAPITA SURVEY

In response to the number of ongoing difficulties with PCSE/Capita, GPC have created three short surveys to gauge the severity of the problem and ensure the issues are resolved. Thank you to all who have already completed them. If you haven't yet done so, please consider doing so.

For more information on the various issues GPC are addressing, please click [here](#).

To fill out the surveys, please click [here](#) and scroll down towards the bottom of the page.

GUIDANCE FOR PRACTICES ON THE 2016 JUNIOR DOCTORS' CONTRACT

We know that a number of training practices have had difficulties with the implementation of the 2016 GP trainees contract that was introduced in August 2016. The BMA has released new guidance to understand the key contractual requirements to have in place when employing a GP trainee. To read the guidance, please click [here](#).

NEW DIPLOMA IN ADVANCED PRIMARY CARE MANAGEMENT

Applications for February starters are now being accepted for a new [diploma in advanced primary care management](#) designed to give people the skills to manage primary care at scale within the NHS.

The diploma is run by the National Association of Primary Care (NAPC) in partnership with the Healthcare Financial Management Association and law firm Capsticks. A pilot course, which started last month (October 2017), is full but spaces are still available for the next courses starting in February and June 2018. Set up with NHS England funding, the diploma is tailor-made for primary care and designed to equip managers with the legal, financial, business and leadership skills to run larger scale services.

Offering practical and flexible learning with minimal time away from the workplace, the diploma is aimed at those responsible for setting up and running primary care homes, GP super practices, accountable care organisations (ACOs), multispecialty community providers (MCPs) and integrated primary and acute care systems (PACS).

Candidates who successfully complete the diploma will gain a total of 60 credits at postgraduate level 7. The qualification can be part of continued personal development providing a pathway to study an HFMA Higher Diploma and ultimately an MBA with BPP University. To find out more or to book a place on the next course visit <http://napc.co.uk/primary-care-home/diploma/>

SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOPS, LEEDS

The Leeds CCGs have organised two upcoming safeguarding workshops which you may be interested in and the details are set out below. To book a place, please respond to jade.handley@nhs.net detailing your name, job title, contact telephone and practice name.

Modern Day Slavery and Human Trafficking

Date: 6 December 2017 (12:30 – 15:30)

Venue: Boardroom A, Thorpe Park, 3200 Century Way, Leeds, LS15 8ZB

An Introduction/Refresher Training to Safeguarding Adults

Date: 11 December 2017 (9:30am – 1:00pm)

Venue: Boardroom, Leafield House, 107-109 King Lane, Leeds, LS17 5BP

IT WAS SELF CARE WEEK – 13-19 November 2017

'Self Care Week' is an annual national awareness week organised by the Self Care Forum that focusses on supporting and embedding self-care across communities, families and generations. A number of resources were provided by the [Self Care Forum](#) as well as [guidance by GPC](#) and the BMA's [PLG \(patient liaison group\)](#) on self-care and whilst the week has now passed the resources remain valuable and can still be used.

GPC England executive team member, Farah Jameel, has published a blog on the benefits of self-care which you can access here: <http://www.nhsconfed.org/blog/2017/11/why-self-care-is-a-win-win-for-patients-and-an-over-stretched-nhs>. Amanda Cool, PLG chair, has published a blog on why embracing self-care for life is important which is accessible here: <https://socialcare.blog.gov.uk/2017/11/10/embracing-self-care-for-life/>

Fact sheets, leaflets, posters, and other material can be downloaded here: <http://www.selfcareforum.org/events/self-care-week/>

You can also sign up for self-care week updates by emailing selfcare@selfcareforum.org.

LEEDS LMC AND LEEDS LMC LIMITED 2017 AGM

Please be advised that the Annual General Meeting of the Leeds Local Medical Committee and Leeds Local Medical Committee Limited will be held on **Tuesday 19 December 2017 at 7.45 pm** in the meeting room at Rutland Lodge Medical Centre, Scott Hall Road, Leeds, LS7 3DR.

All Leeds GPs and Practice Managers are invited to attend the AGM and we request that you kindly register your attendance by email to mail@leedslmc.org.

An invitation letter, including minutes from the 2016 AGM, the Medical Secretary's report and the Treasurer's report for 2017, together with a copy of the accounts for Leeds LMC and Leeds LMC Limited, have been circulated but if you have not received a copy or if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the LMC office.

CAMERON FUND AUTUMN 2017 NEWSLETTER

We would be very grateful if you could circulate the attached latest Cameron Fund newsletter within your GP Practices on behalf of The Cameron Fund, which the LMC supported.

Please help spread thanks for all the support received throughout the year.

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

- Leeds CCG Clinical Chair Post – interviews held 28th November 2017

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.

- 17/11/17 - WhatsApp Group: Practice Managers Emergency Contact with Leeds LMC
- 20/11/17 - Invitation to attend the Leeds LMC and Leeds LMC Limited 2017 AGM, together with accompanying papers – circulated to Leeds GPs and practice managers on 20 November

COMINGS AND GOINGS

A warm welcome to.....

Dr Mike Pointon who starts at the Dekeyser Group Practice in January 2018, and Dr McCollum joined North Leeds Medical Practice on the 20th November as a salaried GP.

Practice vacancies at.....

ADVERT – Leeds 7.

Following recent successful appointment of a GP Partner we would still like to recruit a further 6-8 session GP Partner for a forward looking practice in Leeds 7.

We are seeking a caring, enthusiastic Doctor with excellent clinical skills to join our friendly, high performing practice. We have a varied demographic and are committed to ensuring the practice is efficient as it can be with GP workload.

The successful applicant will be expected to be keen to contribute to the leadership, development and running of the practice.

The practice has:

- 9,100 patients
- 5 Partners (3 whole time/2-part time)
- 2 sites
- GMS contract
- SystmOne
- Training Practice
- CQC rated Good
- Friendly and Supportive Team
- Active engagement with patients and local CCG

For further details or to arrange an informal visit please contact: Dr Simon Ottman or Paula Dearing on 0113 2007474 or email p.dearing@nhs.net

New useful documents on www.leedslmc.org

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