

LMC ViewPoint



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PRIMARY CARE SUPPORT ENGLAND SERVICE FAILURES

The BMA GP committee have released the results of their survey to assess the current state of PCSE services. As all practices know from their day to day activity, the service provided by PCSE has been completely unsatisfactory and GPC therefore gave NHS England a deadline to resolve all the outstanding issues by the end of December 2017. Their survey shows PCSE have failed to do this. GPC England have therefore written to Simon Stevens again and they are also preparing a range of actions to empower practices and get a resolution to this unacceptable situation. The results of the survey can be found on the BMA [website](#) and a copy of the results are attached to Viewpoint. The press release can also be found [here](#).

The Health Select Committee have also just [published correspondence](#) between Sarah Wollaston and NHSE about this issue, quoting letters GPC had provided them.

NHS ENGLAND REJECTS CALLS FOR A QOF SUSPENSION IN ENGLAND

As practices continue to struggle with high workload demands, GPC wrote to NHS England to request the suspension of QOF until the end of March 2018 to ease pressure in general practice over the winter period. This followed similar action taken by the government in Wales. However NHS England have replied to say they will not suspend QOF at this time. This is very disappointing and is a sign of NHS England's failure to understand the pressure practices are under and to do something material about it.

GPC ROADSHOW LEEDS EVENT

The BMA GP committee will be holding one of their regular roadshow updates on Wednesday 31 January. The event will provide a valuable opportunity for you to hear from Dr Richard Vautrey, Chair of GPC, and Dr Zoe Norris, Chair of the GPC Sessional Subcommittee. The event will take place at the Village Hotel and Leisure Club, 186 Otley Road, Headingley, Leeds, LS16 5PR at 7pm to 9pm and is open to all GPs and practice staff working in the Yorkshire & Humber region. Registration is from 6.30pm and tea and coffee will be available.

Bookings are being taken on a first come first served basis. Places can be booked via the YORLMC website at <https://www.yorlmc.co.uk/events/4783> or by contacting Leeds LMC.

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS – LMC EVENT

The new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) will come into force on 25 May 2018. The BMA is in the process of finalising guidance which will be available in February. These are important changes and to help practices understand what will be required, Leeds LMC will be holding an event on Tuesday 13 March, 7-9pm at Weetwood Hall, Leeds LS16 5PS. We've invited national and local experts to speak. Please make a note of this date and more details will be sent out to practices shortly.

PRACTICE MANAGER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The GP Forward View committed to investment in the support and development of Practice Managers. Over three years, NHS England will be investing a total of £6m to support the

development of practice managers, which will consist of nationally-led opportunities, along with some locally funded offers.

NHS England has engaged with practice managers to understand their development needs. They received feedback from over 1,000 managers across England who highlighted the areas for support as:

- to connect more often with other practice managers for peer support
- to know more best practice examples for the productive running of the practice
- to be supported to develop a personal development plan for the future
- to develop more advanced management skills required for creating and running at-scale services

Funding has now been allocated to local regions and because the funding is so limited, it has been agreed by local LMCs to pool the resource to try and get the most from it. This may include supporting local networks and developing a system of peer appraisal for practice managers. We will provide practice managers with more details as we get them.

GP RETENTION SCHEME CASE STUDIES

The BMA GP committee is looking for GPs who have joined the [2017 GP Retention Scheme](#) or the 2016 interim scheme to be involved with some work they have planned to promote the scheme. Initial signs are that the revamped scheme is proving popular, but in order to build on this and help make the scheme available to as many GPs as possible, they are keen to use case studies of GPs who have joined the scheme to help raise awareness. It is likely that this will involve the chosen GPs being involved with a video which covers the reasons why they have joined the scheme as an example to other GPs of how it can be useful.

They would like to hear from any GPs who have joined one of the schemes since 2016 and would be willing to share their case. Anyone who is interested should contact the GPC's workforce & innovation team via cscott@bma.org.uk

PORTFOLIO GP CONFERENCE – SAT 19th May 2018 – LEEDS TRINITY UNIVERSITY

This Inspired Medics conference in Leeds is an event aimed at GPs and trainees who want to look at portfolio career options. It is open to any medical professional who wishes to diversify their career. To register your interest and find out more details of the event go to: <https://www.inspiredmedics.co.uk/careersconference>

NEW GUIDELINES FOR THE TREATMENT OF WOUNDS HEALING BY SECONDARY INTENTION – INCLUDING SINUSES AND CAVITIES

New guidelines for the treatment and dressing of sinuses and cavities have been developed by Leeds CCGs. The details can be found on Leeds Health Pathways and are also attached to this edition of Viewpoint.

MEDICINES SHORTAGES

We have received the following message from Ruth Buchan, Chief Executive Officer at CPWY: "There are currently very high levels of medicines shortages. These are having a massive impact on community pharmacy, CCGs, GPs and most importantly patients. Pharmacy teams are working hard to source these vital medicines for patients. Pharmacists are doing all kinds of things to assist patients, such as "staged" dispensing, liaising with GPs to find alternatives, making numerous phone calls to wholesalers etc. I am sure that you can appreciate that the workload this creates is massive."

Please see attached to this edition of ViewPoint a briefing regarding the current medicines shortages. This briefing answers a number of key questions about the generics supply situation, and explains how prescribers can help support both pharmacies and patients.

LEASE INCENTIVES FOR GP PRACTICES

NHS England have extended the deadline for the Lease incentive scheme to **31 March 2018**. This will cover reimbursement of stamp duty, contribution to legal fees and VAT for tenants of NHS Property Services and Community Health Partnerships. While GPC welcomes the extension, they have repeatedly made the point to NHS England that the issue of service charges needs to be urgently resolved, before practices take advantage of this funding. Their advice to practices has not changed. Transitional arrangements are being offered to either:

1. Cover increased costs that NHSPS with to charge; or
2. Act as an incentive for practices to sign a new lease.

Such arrangements should only be entered into where you are entirely satisfied that when the transitional period ends you are not inadvertently left having to meet increased costs without the benefit of increased funding. In the view of BMA, transitional agreements are not the solution. More permanent arrangements which align a practices' funding to their costs are needed. Further information on these issues can be found [here](#).

GUIDANCE FOR GPs WORKING FOR ONLINE PROVIDERS

Guidance has been produced for GPs who are thinking about [working for an online provider](#), whether in the NHS or privately. It covers what an online GP provider does and the main things GPs should consider before engaging with online providers.

SHARING RECORDS ON TPP SYSTEMONE

The BMA have worked with TPP and other relevant stakeholders, to resolve issues regarding the sharing of patient records in TPP's SystemOne software. Attached is more information regarding the resolution from the Chairs of the Joint GP IT Committee.

GPC EMAIL UPDATES

To read the latest email updates from the BMA GP committee, please click [here](#).

GENOMICS SURVEY

We have been asked to invite GPs to take part in a short survey which will help understand how and where you access your information about genomic medicine. This could lead to the development of educational materials to support your practice. The survey can be found here: <https://nottingham.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/previewhow-genomic-information-is-accessed-in-clinical-pr>

MINOR EYE CONDITIONS GUIDANCE FROM LEEDS LOCAL OPTICAL COMMITTEE

The LMC would like to draw your attention to the attached correspondence sent to us by the Leeds Local Optical Committee containing guidelines that The Association of Optometrists have issued in order to avoid erroneous claims. Including a generic referral letter.

Please cascade this information within your practices. Should you require any further information please email leedsloc@gmail.com.

LEEDS LMC 2018 ELECTION TIME-TABLE

We would like to draw to your attention the 2018 LMC election timetable set out below. We wish to encourage GPs to consider representing their colleagues and localities on the committee. If you are interested in the work of the LMC and would like an informal chat, please contact the office for further details: mail@leedsloc.org or by telephone: 0113 295 1460.

We wish to thank practice managers for their assistance in forwarding the election material to all

the GPs working within their practices.

2018 ELECTION TIMETABLE

Monday, 22 January 2018	Locality elections called
Friday, 02 February 2018	Deadline for receipt of locality nominations at the LMC office
Tuesday, 06 February 2018	Locality voting papers issued
Wednesday, 14 February 2018	Deadline for receipt of locality votes at the LMC office
Tuesday, 20 February 2018	Locality results announced and City-wide elections called
Friday, 02 March 2018	Deadline for receipt of City-wide nominations at the LMC office
Tuesday, 06 March 2018	City-wide voting papers issued
Wednesday, 14 March 2018	Deadline for receipt of City-wide votes at the LMC office
Wednesday, 21 March 2018	Full election results circulated to all practices

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

- **GP Mentoring / Coaching opportunities**
- **LMC UK Conference, Echo Arena, Liverpool, 9th March 2018**

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.

- **HEE Genomics Survey**
- **Practice Manager Development Programme**
- **Applications open for the next wave of clinical pharmacists in general practice**

CONDOLENCES

The LMC was saddened to hear of the death of a former Leeds GP, Dr Carol Turner. Dr Turner, who was in her early 60's, was a founder member of St Martins Practice in Chapeltown. She had worked tirelessly for that local community for over 22 years before her retirement in 2011. We offer our sympathy to her family and friends.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

A warm welcome to.....

Nick Bateson, an advanced nurse practitioner started at Lingwell Croft Surgery on the 27th December 2017, Dr Aderonke Adeniji is also due to start on the 23rd January 2018 as a salaried GP working 8 sessions a week.

Practice Matron Julie Spencer joins the Sunfield Medical Centre in February 2018.

Practice vacancies at.....

St Martins Practice, Leeds, West Yorkshire

Part time GP Partner - full details are available at:

<https://gpjobs.pulsetoday.co.uk/job/37081/part-time-gp-partner-leeds/>

Closing date: Tuesday 12th February 2018

Crossley Street Practice Wetherby, Yorkshire, Salaried Post

The Job

Salaried GP wanted for 6-8 sessions

Competitive salary - Indemnity paid.

6 weeks' holiday and 1-week study leave pro rata.

Practice mentorship scheme and annual in-house appraisal.

Regular in house clinical meetings and daily GP unwind over coffee.

Development of special interests and involvement in GP training.

The Practice

Semi-rural, PMS, SystmOne, practice of 11,400 patients working from modern purpose built premises.

Training practice - 2 trainees, and wide multidisciplinary team including, Pharmacist and in-house pharmacy.

Progressive practice working with New Models of Care, close working within our locality.

For application pack please contact anita.hampson@nhs.net or telephone 01937-543200.

Informal visits welcome. <http://www.crossleystreetsurgery.co.uk>

Fellowship for a post-foundation doctor at HEE

This advert for the Supported Return to Training (SuppoRTT) Clinical Fellows is now live. These are four WTE 12-month secondments, aimed at post-foundation trainees with an interest in quality improvement, innovation, and creating a more inclusive and supportive training environment for junior doctors. The fellows will work on a regional basis.

The advert for these roles is open until 23:59 on 30th January, and can be accessed [here](#) on the HEE website.

If potential applicants have any questions, they can direct these to the SuppoRTT team or to Dr Peter Hockey, who is the recruiting manager and supervisor for the Fellows. Dr Hockey can be contacted at peter.hockey@hee.nhs.uk. Interview dates have not yet been set, but we expect these to take place in Central London in mid- to late- February.

New useful documents on www.leedsimc.org

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