



CALDERDALE LMC

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Updated guidance - Requests for medical records from the police

Following discussions between GPC and NPCC (National Police Chief's Council) regarding signing off it has been agreed that the level of police seniority that is recommended to GPs to obtain before considering releasing medical records to the police is lowered from Superintendent to Inspector. GPC have restated to the NPCC the need for any request from the police for medical records is only made when absolutely necessary. Please note that this is the only change to the guidance that has been made.

GPC Contract Roadshow—31 January

The GPC are holding a roadshow in Leeds on Wednesday 31 January 2018 at the Village Hotel and Leisure Club. This roadshow is a valuable opportunity for you to hear from Dr Richard Vauvrey, Chair of GPC, on the 2018/19 contract changes and receive an update from Dr Zoe Norris, Chair of the GPC Sessional Subcommittee, with an opportunity to ask questions afterwards. The meeting will start at 7.00pm, with tea and coffee available from 6.30pm

NHSE patient referral leaflet

You may be aware that NHSE has produced a [patient referral leaflet](#) which describes what happens when a patient has been referred by a GP to see a specialist. NHSE are also supplying 200 copies of the leaflet per practice

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 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Note that the previous version (v04.00) is not being formally withdrawn in order to ensure continuity of service and may still be used this season (until 31 March 2018).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 here](#)

Care workers can also access the flu vaccine via their community pharmacy, further information is available on the [NHS England website](#). The GPC's [vaccinations and immunisations page](#) has been updated with links to the PGD and enhanced service.

Supporting GP trainees and training practices

GPC recently published additional guidance on the BMA website to support GP Trainees and GP Practices with understanding the new 2016 junior doctor contract, which can be found here: <https://www.bma.org.uk/advice/employment/gp-practices/gps-and-staff/guidance-for-gp-practices-on-the-2016-junior-doctors-contract>

In addition to previous guidance, there is an uploaded example work template that incorporates OOH working, a practice FAQ and a document comparing the new 2016 contract with the previous 2002 one.

GP Retention scheme

With regard to the entry below, please contact Dr David Rose, Deputy Director of Postgraduate GP Education, Health Education England (Y&H) direct if your practice is interested in employing a GP on the GP retention scheme.-----

Dear Colleague,

I am writing because I am wondering if you would consider being added to my list of practices who would consider employing a GP on the retention scheme. You do not have to be a training practice; some interest and experience of education would be useful, but we can arrange some learning in this area. I have had an enquiry about a placement in your area and I would also like to have a list of potential practices to offer for the future. For those of you who are unfamiliar with the scheme there is information about the retention scheme on the NHS England website

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/gp/gpfv/workforce/retaining-the-current-medical-workforce/retained-doctors/>

If you are interested and would be prepared to talk to a doctor who wished to go on the retention scheme, please let me know at David.Rose@hee.nhs.uk

Yours sincerely,

Dr David Rose, Deputy Director of Postgraduate GP Education
Health Education England (Y&H)

Clinicians Statement - TPP Data Sharing

Please find attached at Appendix 4 a brief update on the issue of GP's ability, as data controllers, to comply with the Data Protection Act when using TPP's SystemOne from the Co-Chairs of the GPC Joint GP IT Committee

GP Coaching

NHS England is offering fully funded one-to-one tailored coaching for GPs that will offer three 90-minute confidential sessions by highly experienced and qualified coaches to help you think through where you are and where you want to be in today's changing environment. This programme is aimed to help you identify goals for the next steps that can give you satisfaction and fulfilment, and support you to make them happen. The individual coaching will look to support you by meeting the following objectives:

- Create time and space to stand back and think in a confidential environment
- Gain personal insight to help you make decisions
- Improve understanding of options available to you to move forward
- Increase resilience
- Learn powerful models and techniques to help achieve your goals
- Feel better equipped to move forward with confidence

Availability is limited and will be allocated on a first-come-first-serve basis by 31 January 2018.

To register, please click [here](#)

GP Trainee and sessional GP Newsletters

GP Trainee Newsletter

To read the latest GP trainee newsletter, please click [here](#).

Sessional GP newsletter

The November sessional GP newsletter has been published which includes a blog and guidance on sessional GPs working under new models of care and the launch of the new sessional GP hub webpage. You can find it [here](#).

This Newsletter is based on the best available information.

We will endeavor to ensure you are kept informed of any changes.

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