

LMC ViewPoint

The newsletter of Leeds Local Medical Committee Limited

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LEEDS LMC GDPR EVENT – 13 MARCH 2018

As you will be aware the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) will come into force on 25 May 2018. The BMA has been finalising guidance detailing important changes to help practices understand what will be required.

Leeds LMC held a well-attended event 'Protecting data, fulfilling expectations: Getting ready for GDPR' to help encourage discussions on this matter further. Copies of the presentations made by Dr Farah Jameel and Nichola Stephens and Rebecca Nutting are now available on the LMC website [here](#).

The BMA GDPR guidance is now live [here](#).

NHS Digital have now also published a [GDPR guidance note](#). This guidance is from the national GDPR working group and Information Governance Alliance will help organisations to make the changes needed due to the implementation of the GDPR in May.

PCSE UPDATE

Following a meeting with the Primary Care Support Service England - National Engagement Team, we've attached a PowerPoint slide pack containing current PCSE changes and updates. Also attached is the NHS England / PCSE newsletter 'Transforming how we support you – Admission and Changes to the National Performers Lists'.

SURVEY OF GPs ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW STATE-BACKED INDEMNITY SCHEME

Ipsos Mori (on behalf of the Department for Health and Social Care) is currently conducting a survey of GPs to help inform the development of the new state-backed indemnity scheme, which is due to commence in April 2019. While the survey has been undertaken by many GPs, additional responses are required to ensure the data collected accurately conveys the experience of frontline staff. If GPs are contacted by Ipsos Mori and asked to complete the survey, either online or by telephone, the Department would encourage them to take part and appreciates the time GPs will give up to assist with this work.

BMA COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The BMA is currently holding elections for membership of its Council, a body that sets the strategic direction of the BMA. The ballot paper is complex because of the need to ensure representation across the regions as well as the various branches of practice. The full details are available [here](#). The LMC would encourage all BMA members to watch out for their ballot papers and to have their vote. There are a number of local GPs standing for election, including:

Branch of Practice Seat: General practice

Dr Richard Vautrey and Dr Andrew Green are GPs in Yorkshire standing in the GP branch of practice section.

Geographical Seat: Yorkshire

Dr Krishna Kasaraneni a GP from Sheffield and is standing in the Yorkshire regional section.

NEW GPC GUIDANCE ON PROVIDING CARE TO INSTITUTIONS AND CARE HOMES

GPC has published updated guidance on NHS primary care medical services in institutions and care homes in the UK. Available [here](#)

GP MENTORSHIP SCHEME – EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The LMC is looking at the possibility of hosting a GP Mentorship scheme and would like to ask those GPs interested in becoming a GP Mentor, or who have existing experience in mentoring and would like to find out more about taking on this role more permanently, please get in touch with the LMC via email at mail@leedslmc.org.

MINOR EYE CONDITIONS GUIDANCE FROM LEEDS LOCAL OPTICAL COMMITTEE

The LMC would like to draw your attention to the correspondence below sent to us by Ann Barrett, Chair at Leeds Local Optical Committee (LOC):

GOS (General Ophthalmic Service) Eligibility

[NHS eligible] patients are entitled to a GOS eye examination every 2 years or annually if aged over 70. The Association of Optometrists has issued new guidelines to avoid erroneous claims. Optometrists cannot claim a GOS (General Ophthalmic Service) fee for an early eye examination unless the presenting complaint is primarily refractive in origin. Hence patients presenting with acute, non-refractive (spectacle related) issues will not be covered.

What does this mean for GPs and patients?

- Patients aged 60 and over (or eligible for GOS on other grounds) can only be seen *early* where the symptoms require a refraction.
- Thus if an NHS entitled patient presents to an optometric practice before their allowed eye exam interval with acute issues such as red eyes, sore eyes, IOPs or flashes and floaters etc., they must be charged a private fee. If they are unable/unwilling to pay they will be signposted to their GP or A&E as patients cannot self-refer to Eye Casualty (ARC -Acute Referral Clinic).

Please be aware that turning patients away without addressing their concerns is not something that we are comfortable doing. We will continue to examine all eligible patients with or without symptoms at their recommended recall interval under GOS. Unfortunately charging a private fee is the only way that optometrists can be reimbursed for their services until a MECS service is commissioned.

Patients that have presented with such symptoms and have elected not to be seen privately will be given a generic referral letter requesting that their GP manage them and refer to the HES if appropriate. A copy of this letter is attached.

INDEMNITY PAYMENT BRIEFING

The BMA has produced an [updated briefing note](#) on the indemnity payment and has now been published on the BMA website. This provides examples of how practices should allocate payment to its GPs which is equitable and proportional based on their circumstances. They have also provided a [template letter](#) for salaried GPs to request confirmation of the amount they will be receiving. More details can be found [here](#).

ANNUAL FLU LETTER

Last week the [annual flu letter](#) was released by DHSC, NHSE and PHE, providing information about which patients and children are eligible for vaccination in the flu immunisation programme for 2018/19. This was followed by a letter from NHS England asking GPs to ensure their flu vaccine orders for the 2018/19 season use the most effective vaccines for the population – following the announcement of aTIV being more appropriate for all 65s and over, with QIV remaining most appropriate for 18-65 year olds.

Also attached is a letter from NHS England and its accompanying FAQs. These provide important information including, in point 4, that the ordering window for aTIV has been extended to 12 April, there will be a phased approach (across September, October and November) for delivery of aTIV, and that aTIV will be supplied in a different presentation (pre-filled syringes with separate needle, rather than the usual pre-filled syringes with needle attached).

CONTRIBUTE TO A EUROPEAN STUDY OF GPs USE OF eHEALTH

Contribute to a cross-European study that aims to compare the use that GPs make of eHealth technologies by taking this [survey](#). This will examine GP level of satisfaction with these technologies with the aim to improve healthcare policies for both patients and healthcare professionals.

BUYING GROUP UPDATE – GDPR

Please see the message below for your information shared on behalf of The LMC Buying Group Federation.

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) will apply in the UK from 25 May 2018. Whilst there are similarities with the current UK Data Protection Act, GDPR goes much further which is why we need you to re-register your practice as a member of the LMC Buying Groups Federation.

By re-registering you can have full access to all the pricing information on their website, ensure your practice continues to receive Buying Group discounts and be amongst the first practices to be able to use their new vacancy advertising service which will be launched next month.

The registration form only takes two minutes to complete so we'd be really grateful if you could spare the time in the coming weeks to fill it in so they can continue to provide their service to your practice: <https://www.lmcbuyinggroups.co.uk/members>. If you've recently re-registered (in the last two months), you should have already received your new website login details but if you have any questions, please call the Buying Group on 0115 979 6910, email info@lmcbuyinggroups.co.uk or Live Chat via their website.

NURSING HOME NURSES NOT VERIFYING EXPECTED DEATHS IN LEEDS

The issue surrounding the growing situation with nursing home nurses not verifying expected deaths in Leeds was raised at the February LMC Committee Meeting.

Leeds CCG have provided the following update to help spread awareness. Please share within your practice:

- LCH nurses in the neighbourhood teams have additional training to verify **expected** deaths (the most recent national guidance for nurses extended the scope to include patients who 'died suddenly within a terminal period'). Nurses can then verify expected deaths for patients who died at home or in care homes without nursing. Both have steadily increased over the last few years and recent data includes:
 - o April-Dec 2017-18: Verification of expected death for patients known to neighbourhood teams – 72% at home (401 pts), 61% in CHs (without nursing) (527 pts).
- With regard to nursing homes our Palliative Care Facilitators for Care Homes offer VoED training to nursing homes. The home has to have a policy in place and following training staff need to be assessed in practice as competent (as they would in LCH).
- Not all NHs have taken up the offer, although there are signs it is increasing and we continue to offer it.

A joint CCG-LMC letter encouraging care homes to get involved in further training in this area is currently being developed and will be shared in due course.

SAVE THE DATE: YORKSHIRE PRACTICE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE 2018

A one-day conference has been created by Practice Managers for Practice Managers to discuss the theme of collaboration. A 'Save the Date' flyer is attached providing further details including how to book which we are sharing with North Yorkshire & Bradford & Airedale practice managers

LEEDS PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT 2018-2021

Please note that the Leeds Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2018 – 2021 has now been published on the Leeds City Council Observatory and can be accessed via the link [Leeds Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2018 - 2021](#)

Should you have any queries about the document, contact Liz Bailey – Head of Public Health at elizabeth.bailey@leeds.gov.uk or by telephone on 0113 3367641.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING 2018-2019

Please note a safeguarding training schedule with dates for workshops 2018/19 is attached to this edition of Viewpoint.

THE CHAMBERS & SESSIONAL GPs NORTHERN CONFERENCE

Yorkshire Medical Chambers is holding a sessional GPs Northern conference on 9 June at the National Railway Museum in York. Full details including how to book a place can be found on the attached flyer.

Please help raise awareness by sharing within your practice.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS – PRIMARY CARE PRACTICE NURSES AWARDS FOR YORKSHIRE AND HUMBER

The LMC is proud to share the message below on behalf of Gibson Lane, Kippax and surrounding Surgeries.

An unexpected outcome of our Colton/Kippax/Garforth and Oulton collaboration was the nomination and finalists of 6 nurses and the locality nursing team from our locality: -

Andrea Mann- Colton Mill area finalist for 'innovation award'

Julie Beer- Colton mill area finalist for 'people's choice award'

Matthew McSara- Gibson Lane area finalist for –rising star award'

Colton, Kippax, Garforth and Oulton collaborative nursing team area finalist for 'innovation award'

Lesley Wood – Oulton medical centre- area winner and regional finalist for 'Nurse mentor award'

Alison Reid – Gibson Lane- area winner and regional finalist for- leadership award'

Lisa Tindall – Gibson Lane- area winner AND regional winner for 'Preceptorship award'

We are very proud of these achievements and this shows that collaborative working 'can make a difference' and we have some dedicated, motivational and innovative nurses working in our locality providing excellent services to our patient population.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF LMCs 2018

For further information, including details of conference resolutions and motions lost, please see the Conference News available on the [LMC Conference webpage](#).

GPC UK CHAIR WEEKLY UPDATE

Dr Richard Vautrey, GPC UK Chair, provides an update to BMA members every week. The latest update can be found here: <https://bma-mail.org.uk/JVX-5JOYK-6B36IQY55B/cr.aspx>

LEEDS LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE ELECTION RESULTS 2018

We are pleased to confirm the recent LMC election results for 2018 as follows:

Locality seats (period 2018-2021)

Leeds North	-	Dr Richard Vautrey
Leeds South & East	-	Vacancy
Leeds West	-	Dr Nicola Hambridge

City wide elections (period 2018-2021)

Dr Kumud Verdi

Dr Lucy Clement
Dr James Downie
Vacancy – one seat

As you will note, the LMC has vacancies for a South & East locality GP and for a city-wide GP member. If you are interested in joining the committee and would like an informal chat with our Medical Secretary, Dr Raj Sathiyaseelan, please contact the LMC office at: mail@leedslmc.org.

The LMC would like to take this opportunity to thank all practice managers for their assistance with the election process in distributing the correspondence and nomination forms.

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

- GP Mentorship Scheme
- GDPR requirements

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.

- MMR PGD Template - recall unsigned PGD
- PharmAid 2018 - Collection Update & Flyer
- Symposium on the Management of Pregnant Women with Mechanical Heart Valves
 - NHS Leeds CCG - Election of Member Representatives
 - PCSE Update to LMC slide pack

COMINGS AND GOINGS

A warm welcome to.....

Dr James Coles joined Garforth Medical Practice on 14th March as a salaried GP.

Katie Rees who has worked at Oakwood Medical practice for almost 15 years, latterly as a Healthcare assistant and has now taken on the role of Operations Manager.

Oakwood Practice welcome Mark Donaldson as Business Manager on 19th March.

Dr Cain will be joining Kippax Hall Surgery on 1 April 2018 as a salaried GP.

Good bye and best wishes to...

Zoe Rushfirth (Operations Manager) left Oakwood Medical practice in February after working with the practice for 24 years, the partners would like to thank her for her hard work and support over the years.

Senior Partner, Dr Peter Shevlin will be hanging up his stethoscope on 31st March. He has been a GP in Leeds 12 for many years. His colleagues at Hawthorn Surgery wish him a long and happy retirement.

Darren Lodge at Oakwood Practice will be stepping down as Interim Business Manager at the end of April.

Dr Pearlman will be retiring from Kippax Hall Surgery on 30 March 2018. We wish him all the best in his retirement. He will be greatly missed by both staff and patients

Practice vacancies at.....

GP PARTNER &/OR SALARIED GPs ON PT OR FT BASIS AT BELLBROOKE SURGERY LEEDS 9

The Practice

GP training Practice in Inner City Leeds with six GP partners, 3 salaried GPs, Practice Matron, highly skilled nursing team and efficient friendly administrative/reception team.

Patient list of over 14000

Strong financial position is strong

Modern/purpose built premises with parking on site

We take a lead in local collaborative work.

The Job – Partner

Seeking someone with a genuine interest in developing primary care, particularly concerned with addressing health inequalities and will provide you with the structure and autonomy to shape your role and aid development of the practice from day one. The work is hard but you will have the support of an experienced management and clinical team that allows you to focus your efforts on doing what's best for the patient and delivering outstanding levels of care.

The Job - As a salaried GP

We want to provide you with a protected and predictable workload that allows you to focus your time on patient care. There is no on call or evening working requirement. Our experienced Practice Matron manages most visit requests so your share of any remaining is rarely onerous. We support you with professional development including a structured 2-week induction programme, regular internal appraisal, help with training plans and guaranteed study leave and CPD time.

Benefits

We are successful/profitable with foundations in place for longer term growth. We don't require any up front buy in for a new partner. We pay salaried GPs a competitive salary plus indemnity costs, utilising the BMA Model contract in our agreement with you. Annual leave allowance 6 weeks (pro rata)

For further details, an informal visit (either at your convenience or via one of a series of open days –details on the website) or to apply (by CV and covering letter) please contact –

Andy Haigh, Business Manager direct dial – 0113 391 8441 email andyhaigh@nhs.net
Bellbrooke Surgery, Bellbrooke Avenue Leeds LS9 6AU

SALARIED GP POST WETHERBY, YORKSHIRE

The Job

Salaried GP wanted for 6 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 the Wetherby Local Care Partnership.

The Practice holds two contracts for local prisons for GP services and all GPs participate in clinics on a pro rata basis

The Area

Attractive riverside market town in centre of the Golden triangle of Leeds, Harrogate and York.

Excellent communications - close to A1/M1/M62.

Great opportunities for leisure activities - near Yorkshire Dales and Moors

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

Informal visits welcome.

<http://www.crossleystreetsurgery.co.uk>

Closing Date 14th April 2018

GP VACANCY AT THE GABLES SURGERY PUDSEY LEEDS

Salaried GP with a view to full partnership after one year

8 sessions but happy to negotiate for right candidate

Purposed built modern building

Friendly small practice with 3 partners,

3 nurses (1 near completion of prescriber course), 1 HCA System One clinical system

CQC rating Good (2017), high QOF achievement

A very supportive working environment where teamwork is prioritised

Informal chat and visit welcome!

Please contact Joanne Robinson, Practice Manager on 0113-2574730 or email: joanne.robinson3@nhs.net or suemaychen@nhs.net

New useful documents on www.leedslmc.org

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