



LMC ViewPoint

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LMC Event invitation - "GP contract: Preparing your practice for the next 5 years"

The new five year GP contract package has been described as the most significant changes for general practice in 15 years. It is essential that practices become familiar with the key points quickly and as the last GPC contract roadshow was significantly over-subscribed Leeds LMC is organising two additional events to help practice managers get to grips with the changes. The speaker will be the LMC Assistant Medical Secretary, Dr Richard Vautrey, who is chair of the BMA's GP committee and who led the contract negotiations.

We are holding an evening session on **Monday, 25th March**, at Weetwood Hall Conference Centre. A hot food buffet will be provided from 6.30pm with the meeting expected to run from 7-9pm. There will also be an afternoon session on **Tuesday, 26th March**, at the Holiday Inn, Garforth. A hot food buffet will be provided from 12:00 noon with the meeting expected to run from 12:30-2:15pm.

We do hope you will be able to join one of the events – they are both free to attend. The meetings will have a practice manager focus but will also be open to any GPs.

Please email mail@leedslmc.org to book your place, specifying which session you would like to attend. We welcome you to extend this invitation to interested GPs within your practice. In the meantime, should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

GP contract briefing

Last week GPC England held a webinar to explain in detail the GP contract deal, and to answer questions submitted by participants. The presentation is now available to watch [here](#) for those who were unable to attend and should help LMCs answer the queries being submitted to them. Of course, if your answer is not answered then please check out the FAQs and other materials on the [GP contract webpage](#) and if still not answered, please send an email to info.lmcqueries@bma.org.uk

The new values of global sum, QOF, out-of-hours adjustment and the new practice participation payment have now been published, and can be accessed on the [GP contract webpage](#) (in the 'practice funding and pay' tab).

Digital developments in General Practice

We held a well-attended event jointly with Leeds CCG focusing on the IT changes and infrastructure required to respond to the developing digital world. Nichola Stephens, CCG IT lead, and her team gave a helpful update regarding IT migration from N3 to HSCN (health and social care network) which will affect all practices and they were keen to stress that the IT teams aim to make the transition as painless as possible. Other updates included information on Windows 10, the Leeds community cloud, Office 365, information governance and the Leeds CCG digital strategy.

David Hodnett of NHS Digital gave an insight to the potential of the NHS App roll-out. They have consulted with practice managers about what would be helpful (or not) and this included opportunities for online booking, prescription ordering, and digital triage.

For a local view, we were grateful to Petra Morgan and Dr Guy Baker who gave a summary of the various IT developments which the GP Confederation is leading on in the city. Finally, Dr Alastair Walling explained the development of the Helm project which will eventually allow residents of Leeds to update information onto their own health records.

Copies of the presentations by the various speakers are now available on the LMC website and can be accessed at <http://www.leedslmc.org/events/8676>

Increasing patient access to digital services

Farah Jameel, GPC England Executive Team member and IT lead has written a blog about the digital aspects of the recent GP contract announcement, to explain what this means for practices. The main intention is to enable practices to offer greater digital access to patients and help manage workload, which is predicated on appropriate and functional infrastructure being in place. Read the blog [here](#).

NHS App

NHS England is working with the CCG on a local roll out plan that will take place April-June 2019. Early adopters are invited to register their interest to be connected to the NHS App before April. Connecting to the NHS App as an early adopter will allow your practice to become familiar with system settings and engage more patients to use online services. For more information, please visit <https://digital.nhs.uk/services/nhs-app>. To register as an early adopter please email kayleighbuckley@nhs.net

GP Premises Survey results

Practice premises remain a significant issue for many GPs. The GPC have undertaken a major premises survey to highlight the scale of the problems and the results show that only half of premises in England are fit for purpose, with surgeries too small to meet the demands of a growing population. Over 1,000 practices took part in the survey and the findings help to build a fuller picture of the current landscape for GP premises and feed into the GP premises review which is led by NHS England and the Department of Health and Social Care. Key findings include:

- Only half of practices said their premises were suitable for present needs.
- Eight in ten practices said their practices were not suitable for future needs or anticipated population growth.
- GP premises are on average 35 years old, having been first built or converted in 1984.
- 7 in 10 practices are in purpose-built premises.

For more information, please see [here](#). You can read Richard Vautrey's (GPC Chair) press statement outlining the survey findings [here](#). Read Ian Hume's, GPC's practice premises lead, blog which discusses the results [here](#). In response to press articles, Richard said: "GPs have been telling us for years that their practice buildings are not up to scratch and now we have evidence showing just how serious the situation is. The government must use next month's spending review to urgently invest in practice premises - as well as wider NHS infrastructure - to bring facilities up to 21st-century standards and ensure that GPs and their colleagues throughout the health service can guarantee the best care now and in the future." This was reported in [Daily Mail](#), [Daily Telegraph](#), [Press Association](#), [Pulse](#), [ITV online Practice Business](#), [OnMedica](#) and [Pharmaceutical Journal](#) and regionally in the [Yorkshire Post](#).

Decisions about clinically-assisted nutrition and hydration (CANH) – GP update

Following publication of the BMA and RCP's guidance on decisions about CANH and adults who lack capacity in England and Wales, a new shorter resource for GPs has been developed which highlights the key things they need to know about these decisions. Although GPs might only rarely come across patients who are receiving, or who might need, CANH, when they do, the decisions can be particularly demanding. This short resource serves as a stepping stone to the more in-depth guidance. Find out more and download the leaflet at www.bma.org.uk/CANH.

Integrated Care Provider contract

GPC England has serious concerns about the risks related to NHS England's integrated care provider contract (previously the multispecialty community provider contract) which has been proposed as a way of integrating services. Practices entering in to such an arrangement would be required to give up their existing GMS or PMS contract in part or altogether. With the new GP contractual focus on primary care networks, which build on the existing core GP contract, GPC does not believe the use of the ICP contract is necessary.

The BMA has produced some briefing materials on the ICP contract and its potential impact on the NHS, and for general practice. These provide a brief overview of what GPs and patients need to know about ICPs, the BMAs concerns about them, and the alternative options available for achieving integration of NHS services. The briefings can be accessed via the [BMA website](#).

CQC Reimbursement - Reminder

In 2016, the GPC negotiated for practices' CQC fees to be fully reimbursed by the CCG. This is a practice entitlement. Therefore, please ensure your practice claims this payment due to them.

Implementation of the NHSE over the counter (OTC) medicines guidance

The CCG agreed implementation of NHS England guidance 'Conditions for which over the counter medicines should not be routinely prescribed in primary care' in October 2018. At that time some GPs expressed concerns that by implementing the policy and refusing to give a prescription for a medicine available over the counter, they may be in breach of their terms of contract. NHS England have now issued a letter to all GPs, providing reassurance that that the commissioner will not find practices in breach of the GP contract if they follow the CCG guidance on routine prescribing of OTC items.

Please can you make sure prescribers within you practice have been made aware of this letter. Local information is available on the CCG website at:

www.leedsccg.nhs.uk/health/campaigns/over-the-counter-medicines-changes-to-prescribing/

Any queries please contact: leedsccg.medsoptcommissioningteam@nhs.net

Vaccination changes

It should be noted that the GPC England have agreed an MMR catch-up campaign from April with an item of service payment of £5 per patient to cover the costs of contacting parents of 10 and 11-year olds who have not been vaccinated in the light of the current measles outbreaks.

It has also been agreed that there will be an increase to £10.06 for the item of service payment for seasonal influenza, and for an HPV catch-up programme for women over 18 and up to 25 years and we anticipate boys will be added to this programme from April 2020, once the school based programme begins in September 2019.

LMC Buying Group Federation

Currently less than 40% of Leeds practices have re-registered their details with the LMC Buying Group Federation (one of the lowest rates in the Federation). All members were advised to re-register to allow the Buying Group to continue to keep email addresses post GDPR.

Please follow the link below to complete the form to sign up for the Buying Group membership service and/or to register for login details for the website.

<https://form.jotformeu.com/73232425890355>

For more information on the benefits of joining the group please visit our website.

<http://www.leedslmc.org/lmcbuyinggroup>

Information Note for GP Practices: Mis-selling of fixed rate loans & interest rate swaps

Following several enquiries, the GPDF commissioned an Information Note from its legal advisers.

The GPDF have had an active role in the procurement process and are keen to clarify that other legal advisers are available, and that appropriate professional advice is taken.

A copy of the note is attached for circulation within your practice.

SDI / IUCS Fitter Forums

Please see the attached form if you want to attend a "fitter forum" for those practitioners involved in fitting or removing implants and coils. Please complete and return to Leeds Sexual Health.

Problem Gambling Audit with Clinicians in General Practice

You may recall the promotion of an online survey about problem gambling in November 2018 carried out by Public Health, Leeds City Council. The survey closed early January and has now been analysed and written up. Please see attached summary of findings.

A TARGET slot has been requested – this is to raise awareness of the Northern Gambling Clinic hosted by LYPFT and Leeds Gambling Hub (GamCare), both of which are due to start operating late Spring/early Summer.

Minor Surgery Skills for GPs – 18th November 2019

Please see attached application form in relation to an upcoming course the Newcastle Surgical Training Centre are hosting in November 2019. Please circulate the attached advert to any interested GP trainees.

An Evening with Gilbert Welch - American academic physician and cancer researcher

Please see the attached flyer invitation to go listen to Gilbert Welch on Thursday 14th March 5-7pm at Leeds General Infirmary. He is an American academic physician and cancer researcher and bestselling international author of "Should I be tested for Cancer?: Maybe not and here's why", "Less Medicine More Health" and "Overdiagnosed: Making people sick in the Pursuit of health".

Breakfast Briefing Invite - Thursday 7th March 2019

Please see attached flyer from Primary Care Direct containing details of a breakfast briefing given by YORLMC medical director Dr Brian McGregor covering the GP Partnership Review, NHS 10 Year Plan, GP Contact... and more!

Sessional GPs Newsletter

Read the latest GPC newsletter [here](#)

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

- Deputy Practice Manager Programme
 - Deadline reminder - NHS Pensions – 2017/18 Type 2 Medical Practitioners
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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.

- 25th & 26th March - LMC Event invitation - "GP contract: Preparing your practice for the next 5 years"
 - Leeds LMC Elections 2019 – Citywide Seats
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Comings & goings...

Dr Bryan Power will be retiring from Vesper Road & Morris Lane Surgery on 31st March 2019 after over 18 years' service. The practice would like to wish him a long, healthy and happy retirement and thank him for his services.

Partner Dr Rachel Wiper is emigrating to Australia this coming March so will be leaving Colton Mill and The Grange Medical Centres. The practice wishes her well on her exciting travels.

Hilary Farrar replaces Nick Gwatkin as Practice Manager for Oulton Medical Centre, Marsh Street Surgery and Swillington Health Practice from 25th February 2019.

Armley Medical Practice are sorry to say goodbye to Dr Amna Chaudhry who will be leaving us on the 14th March. Good Luck and Best Wishes from all your colleagues.

Welcome back to Dr Aaron Clark to Armley Medical Practice who will be joining from 1st April 2019. Aaron did the majority of his final year training with us and we are lucky enough to welcome him back to the team as a fully-fledged salaried GP.

LEEDS PRACTICE LIVE VACANCIES

Lower Wortley Leeds LS12 5SG, GP Partner / Salaried GP

Having successfully recruited a number of high calibre experienced GPs in the past two years we now want to develop the Practice further. An opportunity has arisen for the right person to join us as a Salaried GP or Partner. This post would be ideal for a newly qualified GP wanting to work with an experienced and supportive team.

The sessions to be worked are negotiable but preferably 6 – 8 per week, and whilst weekend or out of hours work is not a requirement, there is the opportunity to work in our weekend "Hub" if desired.

The Practice

- Hawthorn Surgery is a Training Practice – you will be working in a highly organised and well-structured Practice.
- On site we have a Primary Care Mental Health Liaison Nurse, Social Prescribing Staff, Midwives, Physiotherapist, Practice Nurses, HCA, Admin and Management teams
- We hold weekly Clinical Team Meetings
- Hawthorn Surgery is housed within Wortley Beck Health Centre – a modern, purpose built Health Centre which opened in 2008.
- We currently have 5800 patients
- Our QOF achievement is consistently in the high 90s.
- We are proud of our excellent reputation – we were rated 4th best Practice in Leeds in August 2018
- Our CQC rating is "Good" with "Outstanding" in responsiveness to patients
- We are actively involved in research and have strong links to surrounding Universities

The Benefits

- Centrally located with easy access to Leeds City Centre and motorways
- Indemnity included
- Annual leave of 6 weeks (full time)
- Study leave of 1 week (full time)

If you would like any more information about this opportunity, please contact Amanda Nelson, on 0113 2954770 or amanda.nelson@nhs.net

Short term salaried GP, sessions negotiable, start date April or May 2019, for around 3 months

GP Partner, to replace retiring partner, up to 6 sessions pw, start date TBA

Following successful recruitment for GP partners in 2015, 2017 and 2018, we seek an active partner with strong clinical skills to join our democratic, forward-thinking partnership, replacing a long-standing partner. We'd like you to bring a commitment to serve our varied practice population (6500), a desire to explore the current opportunities for primary care and help shape our future. St Martin is an urban training practice, we moved to brand new premises in 2018.

Rated CQC good overall (one area outstanding); excellent QOF and target achievement. Track record of innovation now actively involved in Chapeltown locality GP network providing shared services and support (eg mentoring group for First 5 GPs).

5 GP partners, broad skillmix in our committed nursing and Patient Support teams who are taking on new roles & tasks as we shift work to other skilled professionals from the GPs. Patient Support staff are signposting patients and managing clinical correspondence. Wide range of attached staff including pharmacist, mental health, diabetes, social prescribing. Friendly supportive team who meet regularly for a morning coffee break, with a commitment to involving all staff in decision-making. We support all clinical staff to develop their interests and careers. A partner is preferred, but we would consider applications to work on a salaried basis with a view to partnership within an agreed timescale.

Start date: negotiable

For a full information pack and to arrange an informal chat or visit please contact Camilla Hawkes, Practice Manager, camilla.hawkes@nhs.net, 0113 284 9749, stating which position you are interested in.

Closing date: 09:00, Friday 29.3.2019

St Martins Practice, 210 Chapeltown Road, Leeds LS7 4HZ

www.stmartinspracticeleeds.nhs.uk

Salaried GP for 4-8 sessions at Rutland Lodge Medical Practice, Leeds 7.

We are seeking a caring, enthusiastic doctor(s) with excellent clinical skills to join our friendly, high performing practice. You can be newly qualified or experienced. We have a friendly team of experienced GPs, Nurses and Administrators who all work together to support each other. We have a varied demographic and are committed to ensuring the practice is efficient as it can be with GP workload.

We would welcome anyone who wished to apply as a Retainer, flexible working is available

The practice has:

- 9,200 patients
- 5 Partners (2 whole time/3 part time)
- 2 sites
- GMS contract
- Training practice
- SystemOne
- CQC rated Good
- Active engagement with patients and local CCG
- Active in locality initiatives
- Welcome GP with special interests
- Partnership an option

Remuneration package negotiable depending on experience.

Application by CV to Paula Dearing, Rutland Lodge Medical Practice, Scott Hall Road, Leeds, LS7 3Dr or email p.dearing@nhs.net. For further details or to arrange an informal visit please contact: Dr Simon Ottman or Paula Dearing on 0113 2007474 or email simonottman@nhs.net or p.dearing@nhs.net Closing date: 28th February 2019

East Park Medical Centre - Owing to retirement and plans for expansion we are looking for a GP Partner and/or Salaried GPs part/full time (minimum requirement 6 sessions) to join our friendly innovate team

We are a busy, well respected, innovative and high achieving GP Practice in Leeds with 2 GP partners, 1 ANP Salaried Partner 2 salaried GP, Mental Health Nurse Specialist, Practice Pharmacist, Lead Practice Nurse and highly skilled nursing and administrative support. Our growing patient list tops 8000. Our financial position is strong. Our premises as recently been modernised with parking on site and plans for further refurbishments. CQC rate us 'Good'. We aim for outstanding. We have strong links with the LS8/LS9 Locality having a seat on the leadership board.

As a partner we want a genuine interest in developing primary care, and addressing health inequalities and will provide you with the structure and autonomy to shape your role and contribute to the practice from day one. It's hard work but our experienced management and clinical team allows you to focus your efforts on doing what's best for the patient and delivering outstanding levels of care.

As a salaried GP enjoy a protected and predictable workload allowing you to focus your time on patient care. Training is part of our ethos and we support your professional development including a structured 2- week induction programme, regular internal appraisal, help with training plans and guaranteed study leave and CPD time. There is scope to progress to partnership.

And in terms of benefits: We don't require any up front buy in for a new partner. Profits are good. We pay salaried GPs a competitive salary plus indemnity costs, utilising the BMA Model contract in our agreement with you. Annual leave: 6 weeks (pro rata)

Interested? Come for an informal visit at your convenience by contacting – Michael Hart, Practice Manager. Apply via NHS Jobs

Telephone (direct dial) – 07741628676; Email: Michael.hart2@nhs.net
By Post: East Park Medical Centre, 5-7 East Park Road, Leeds, LS9 9JD
Closing Date: 31st March 2019

Website: www.eastparkmedicalcentre.com

Directions:

https://www.bing.com/maps/directions?rtp=adr.~pos.53.7931709289551_-1.51492893695831_5-7+East+Park+Road%2c+Leeds+LS9+9JD_East+Park+Medical+Centre_0113+887+8134

Salaried GP / Partner required for 5 sessions - Whitehall Surgery, Leeds LS12 5SG.

- Salaried GP or Partner required for 5 sessions per week, to join 3 GP partners and 3 salaried GPs.
- Partnership opportunities for the right candidate.
- Friendly and welcoming team. Good working environment and collaborative staff.
- 8750 patients in mixed urban/rural setting.
- Modern purpose built premises.
- Routinely high QOF achiever, 100% attained this year.
- Special interests welcome.
- Start date March 2019.
- Informal visits and enquiries welcome.
- For further information regarding the practice please see our website, www.gpnhs.net

Applications to be made with CV to Mrs Joanne Woods, Whitehall Surgery, Wortley Beck Health Centre, Ring Road, Lower Wortley, Leeds LS12 5SG. Tel: 0113 4677533.

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