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GP Contract 2017



The changes to the GMS contract have been announced. To read more, click on the [link](#).

We will update you as soon as we have studied the details of the changes to the contract.

Revised guidance for GPs of patients presenting with dental problems



This guidance advises GPs of their obligations to patients either requesting emergency dental treatment or asking for an NHS prescription for drugs recommended by

private or NHS dentists. It is aimed at all GPs including out of hours practitioners.

The guidance may be downloaded from the following link:

<https://www.bma.org.uk/advice/employment/gp-practices/quality-first/manage-inappropriate-workload/patients-presenting-with-possible-dental-problems>

Female genital mutilation

Female genital mutilation is considered a form of child abuse and is a criminal offence in the UK. Our guidance looks at doctors' role in preventing and eradicating the practice. It gives you further sources of advice and support and addresses practical questions such as:

- how to identify if a girl or woman is at risk or has undergone FGM
- when confidentiality can be breached
- when to invoke child safeguarding procedures

Basic principles

- Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) is a form of child abuse and is against the law.
- The BMA supports the effective enforcement of the Female Genital Mutilation (England, Wales and Northern Ireland) Act 2003 and the Prohibition of Female Genital Mutilation (Scotland) Act 2005.
- If a child is identified as being at risk of female genital mutilation, urgent action must be taken to safeguard the child.
- Matters of female genital mutilation should be handled sensitively, but a child's welfare is paramount.
- Medical personnel should be trained in how to meet the needs of girls and women who have undergone female genital mutilation. Care should be taken to

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ensure that affected girls and women do not feel stigmatised.

- There is a need to raise awareness about the health and legal issues, and about support services and sources of information that are available amongst communities that practise female genital mutilation.
- Risk of female genital mutilation should be recognised as legitimate grounds for refugee and asylum status.

FGM e-learning

The e-FGM educational programme is free for all healthcare professionals. The material deals with the issues posed by female genital mutilation at all stages of a girl or woman's life.

[Access the training](#)

Further information:

[Visit the FGM section on NHS Choices](#)

Winter Indemnity Scheme for GPs – 2016/17

NHS England's 2016/17 Winter Indemnity Scheme for GPs will run until **Friday 31 March 2017**. It is designed to meet the costs of personal professional indemnity for any additional out of hours work undertaken by GPs this winter to enable the freedom to work additional sessions without having to pay additional subscriptions to their Medical Defence Organisation (MDO).

This scheme has been developed with the MDOs and you can find information on how to apply for the scheme via your MDO website at:

www.mddus.com

<https://www.themdu.com/winterindemnity>

<https://www.medicalprotection.org/uk/for-members/news/news/2016/10/21/NHS-England-Winter-Indemnity-Scheme>

Local Enhanced Services

The LMC are in the process of reviewing Local Enhanced Services across the three CCGs for consistency and we will report back to you with our findings.

Practice Agreements

The LMC are aware of problems arising out of GP sickness and we encourage you to review practice agreements to ensure that sickness clauses do not destabilise the practice. It is also encouraged that you review sickness insurance to ensure that any pay-out is adequate to cover locum costs.

Resilience Workshop update



The 9th February was the date of our latest Resilience Workshop, run by Alexis Hutson of Coaching Doctors and Louise Kiteley of Coaching Innovations.

Thank you those of you who attended – a certificate of attendance, which can be used for CPD purposes, will be emailed to you shortly, if you haven't already received it.

Sessional GPs newsletter

This month's edition of the sessional newsletter focuses on: Capita and the NHS Pension, indemnity arrangements for sessional GPs and death in service benefits for sessionals.

<http://bma-mail.org.uk/t/JVX-4PPXS-1BJCJOU46E/cr.aspx>

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LMC Buying Group



Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Local Medical Committee has been a member of the LMC Buying Groups Federation since 2011. This means that all practices can access the discounts the Buying Group has negotiated on a wide range of products and services.

If you are not sure what the Buying Group is all about then this short video explains what they do:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FekMwFISlIg>.

By registering with the Buying Group's website: www.lmcbuyinggroups.co.uk/members/, you can view all the suppliers pricing, contact details and request quotes. The Buying Group also offers any member practice a free cost analysis which demonstrates how much money your practice could save just by swapping to buying group suppliers.

If your practice is part of a GP Federation Group, then the Buying Group Plus Initiative could help you save additional money as a group. This short video explains what Buying Group Plus does:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BXpQmb7pVUo>.

For further information contact:

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Dementia: Implementing Better Care Conference

Date: Thursday 20 April 2017

Venue: The Bridgewater Hall, Manchester

Dementia: Implementing Better Care will explore the best practices that are moving England forward to be the best place in the world to live well with dementia. A place where people with dementia can get the support they need every day of the year, whether that be at home, in residential care, hospital or in the wider community.

For further information and to register for a place:

<http://www.openforumevents.co.uk/event/dementia-implementing-better-care/>

Children and Young Peoples Mental Health: Taking Early Action Conference

Date: 6 July 2017

Venue: Royal National Hotel, London

The focus will be on how mental health care for children and young people will be revolutionised by improving access to high quality care, promoting early interventions and driving greater collaborations across the care system and wider public sector.

For further information and to register for a place:

<http://www.openforumevents.co.uk/event/children-and-young-peoples-mental-health/>