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### 2017/18 GMS contract agreement



We are receiving a number of queries regarding changes to GMS funding. Please follow the link below which might help in answering some of your questions:

<https://www.bma.org.uk/collective-voice/committees/general-practitioners-committee/gpc-current-issues/gp-contract-negotiations/faqs>

### GP online services

This is a new service from the NHS which allows people to make appointments with their GP and order prescriptions online or by using an app on their phone.

NHSE are running a project to boost registrations amongst people working within the NHS and across the wider health sector, and hope that the programme can be of great benefit.

GP online services allow people to:

- book appointments online, with a clearer view of available appointments, helping them to fit visiting their GP around their work/life schedule
- request repeat prescriptions online, avoiding unnecessary visits or phone calls to their GP
- view their GP health records online, including immunisation records often needed for occupational health or trips abroad
- be more involved in their care if they have long-term health problems, by accessing test results and monitoring their condition

GP online empowers individual people to positively manage their own health, and has been shown to reduce 'Did Not Attend' rates at GP practices.

For further information please contact James Blanchard, Engagement Support Officer, Patient Online Operations and Information Directorate, NHSE:

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### IR35 update event



On Wednesday 12 April 2017, the LMC, in conjunction with Rowleys Chartered Accountants, hosted a presentation entitled *IR35 regulations and how they will affect your practice*.

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The event was chaired by Dr Ammar Ghouri, Co-Vice Chair at the LMC and was well received. A big thank you to those of you who attended.

Copies of the slides from this event will shortly be available on our website.

### ***I'm a medic, Get me out of here!***

***I'm a Medic, Get me out of here!*** is a new innovative online outreach activity where Primary Healthcare professionals chat with curious school students at [imamedic.uk](http://imamedic.uk), answer their questions, and help them identify with careers in Primary Healthcare, in an exciting and accessible way. We're looking for professionals covering all areas of General Practice to take part in the first events for students from across the East Midlands.

The website is now live and recruitment for the Professional panel is open until **2<sup>nd</sup> May**. The first online engagement event will take place from **12<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> June**.

Naomi Love is the project manager for *I'm a Medic*. She can be reached via [naomi@mangorol.la](mailto:naomi@mangorol.la) or 01225 326 892.

On [imamedic.uk](http://imamedic.uk) you will find more detailed information about the event and how to sign up.

### **Macmillan Support Fundraiser Success**



On Saturday 25 March 2017, the South Charnwood Practice Managers and our Federation Delivery Manager held a Macmillan Support fundraiser, in memory of a dear friend and fellow Practice Manager, Kathy Wright.

This was a great success, thanks to some generous sponsorship from companies, donations, tickets sales, raffle tickets sales and a silent bid for a signed Leicester City Football shirt.

The amount on the presentation cheque doesn't include gift aid. Once gift aid has been applied to all eligible proceeds it takes the total to £2275.

Well done to all those who supported such a worthy cause.

### **2 Day Minor Surgery Course**



**Dates:** 13 and 14 July 2017

**Venue:** Sketchley Grange Hotel, Sketchley Lane, Burbage, Hinckley LE10 3HU

Leicester Faculty are delighted to offer a 2-day Minor Surgery Course on Thursday 13 July and Friday 14 July 2017 at Sketchley Grange Hotel.

Minor Surgery refreshes our professional spirits like no other area of General Practice. Learn or revise the evidence-based theory and skills to practice skin surgery. Enjoy your practice and avoid medico-legal pitfalls whilst giving your patients care closer to home.

Suitable for both beginners and experienced practitioners, the course is focused on you getting what you want out of the programme.

#### **Facilitator/Speakers:**

Dr Soon Lim FRCGP, Director of the RCGP Minor Surgery Update and Assessment Programme, Academic Lead for the Association of Surgeons in Primary Care, Medico-legal Adviser to the MPS for Minor Surgery.

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Please book your spaces on the Leicester Faculty RCGP Website on Courses and Events. (Limited spaces available).

<http://www.rcgp.org.uk/learning/central-and-east-england/leicester-faculty/2-day-minor-surgery-course.aspx>

Should you have any queries please contact Kiran at [Leicester@rcgp.org.uk](mailto:Leicester@rcgp.org.uk) or by calling 0116 273 0291

**QOF payments**

Some GPs have reported concerns with the recent QOF calculations and aspiration payments, which NHS England and NHS Digital are investigating as a matter of priority.

So far, this has identified discrepancies with some prevalence calculations which could impact on some practices achievement and as a result on final payment and aspiration. NHS England and NHS Digital have informed us that they are working to resolve this as soon as possible to minimise any impact on practices. NHS England has assured us that practices will all receive aspiration payments on time.

In the meantime, if practices have encountered this problem please inform the LMC so that we can escalate the issue to the attention of Commissioners and NHS England.

**East Midlands PA Awards**



Melanie Commons

Our very own Melanie Commons was runner up at the East Midlands PA Awards 2017 held on 17 March 2017. Melanie received the prestigious honour of runner up in

the East Midlands PA of the Year Awards - having been short-listed for the final out of 84 nominations.

The awards are designed to recognise and reward the multiple dimensions of the vital role that PAs & EAs provide for organisations. Any PA or EA can be nominated by a colleague, peer or friend.

The finalists were invited to a fabulous awards lunch held in Nottingham and Melanie was presented with a certificate and flowers.

Congratulations Melanie!

**New horizons and changes in general practice landscapes**



On 29 March the LMC hosted an event entitled *New horizons and changes in general practice landscapes*.

Shanee Baker, founder and Director of LMC Law gave advice on various subjects including:

- Partnership and Practice Agreements
- Multispecialty Community Provider contracts (MCP)
- Update Nationally and Locally on Sustainability Transformation Plans (STPs)

Followed by a question and answer session. Thank you to those in attendance.

**LMC Law – mergers and takeovers bulletin**

A significant number of GP practices are merging or taking over failing practices in their locality. This is for

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a number of reasons, but mainly because of sustainability, forward planning, preserving core contracts, acquiring more staff and to enable them to have a more prominent position where commissioning is concerned by increasing their patient list size.

Please find attached to this document the full mergers and takeover bulletin. This will also be available on our website shortly.

### Care Act – charges for reports



Department  
of Health

The BMA used to provide guidance on what fee should be charged by doctors for the provision of services that fall outside of national agreement, however, following discussion with the competition authorities and in line with the Competition Act 1998, they have agreed to discontinue this guidance. Therefore, doctors are responsible for setting and agreeing their own fees in advance of undertaking this type of work.

Work for which doctors can charge a fee includes:

- Work for Local and Central Government
- Work for the NHS that is not a part of their main contract e.g. GP work in hospitals
- Reports and examinations requested by third parties, for example insurance reports
- Reports and certificates requested by patients, for example to support an application to a driving licence.

A table to assist with fees guidance in response to information requests from patients, insurance companies, local authorities, Government agencies, employers or private organisations can be seen on our website.

### Travel immunisations



Travel vaccines are part of additional services of the new GMS contract. When the new contract was introduced in 2004 a number of the individual items were automatically transferred into the global sum:

#### Private income for some travel vaccines

The situation with regard to travel vaccines and what can and cannot be charged for has not altered from the old to the new GMS contract. Under the Red Book a limited number of travel vaccines were provided on the NHS. This was for public health reasons. The public health agenda has not altered with the new contract and therefore those travel vaccines that were provided by practices on the NHS before 31 March shall continue to be provided by them from 1 April. The only exception shall be for those practices that opt-out of the additional vaccinations and immunisations service and they will have their global sum abated by 2%. Practices opting out of additional service will not be able to charge their registered patients for travel vaccines which are available on the NHS. If therefore you opt out of providing this service 2% will be deducted from your global sum.

#### Travel immunisations that must be given as part of NHS provision through GMS additional services

The following immunisations for travel are part of additional services under GMS3 and PMS and no fee may be charged by the contractor to a patient registered for NHS services with that contractor:

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- Hepatitis A (infectious hepatitis) – first and second/booster doses
- Combined hepatitis A and B – two doses with a third for over 16s
- Typhoid – first and second/booster doses
- Combined hepatitis A and typhoid – first and second/booster doses
- Tetanus, diphtheria and polio as given I the combined Td/IPV vaccine

For further information please see the guidance section on our website.

**International GP Recruitment –  
Guidance for Commissioners**



NHS England's General Practice Forward View Programme Team has recently published detailed guidance for commissioners on the International GP Recruitment Programme. This programme is intended to provide commissioners with support and funding to recruit GP from overseas to help deliver their workforce plans for general practice.

The guidance details the national approach to delivering the programme, and how commissioners can apply for funding to develop and deliver international GP recruitment schemes locally.

Read more about the International GP Recruitment Programme:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/gp/gpfv/workforce/international-gp-recruitment/>

**Leicester City CCG wins PENNA award**

Leicester City CCG have recently been crowned winners at this year's Patient Experience Network National Awards (PENNA) during a ceremony in Birmingham.

The Patient Insight category win celebrates the innovative ways the CCG has involved patients from the homeless and asylum seeker communities in a consultation on the development of specialist GP services using unique and tailored community engagement.

Following on from this, NHS England will be arranging some regional insight good practice events between May and July. These will be full-day events which Leicester City CCG has been invited to be part of.

**Your LMC**

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