

## Coronavirus - LMC Update November 19<sup>th</sup> 2020

### **COVID-19 vaccination programme**

The LMC would like to support you through the Covid vaccination enhanced service. You may have seen the information we shared last week which can be found on our website, <https://www.humbersidelmc.org.uk/covid19vaccinationprogrammedetailsreleased>.

NHSE have confirmed this is not a DES, but is instead an enhanced service under section 7a of the 2006 NHS act. The key things to be aware of are:

- It does not materially alter the outline information you have been provided with
- It remains optional at practice level
- This contractual mechanism is the same that is used for all vaccination programmes
- It allows the Secretary of State (via NHSE) to amend the details of the vaccination programme as it proceeds; given the evolving details of the available vaccinations and the nature of the Covid-19 pandemic, this is not unexpected.

While most of us are less familiar with this type of enhanced service than a DES, and there has been much confusing and conflicting information, your choice on whether to take this on or not remains the same. The LMC will support practices regardless of whether you choose to sign up for this service.

Please be aware the £150 million extra funding to support primary care announced at the same time as the Covid vaccination programme does not appear to be linked to it. In the HCV region, this funding will be shared out on the basis of weighted population and given directly to practices, regardless of whether they sign up to the enhanced service. While a practice may choose to use this money to support delivery of the vaccination programme, it can be used for 7 broad areas which were outlined in the letter you should have received last week from NHSE. You will be able to invoice your CCG for this funding once they set out how this will work.

If you have queries about the Covid vaccination programme, please [get in touch with us via the usual routes](#). We will continue to update our website with the latest information on our new vaccination programme page <https://www.humbersidelmc.org.uk/covid19vaccinationprogramme>.

Thank you for your ongoing hard work as PCN CDs – we know this has largely landed at your door and we are here to support you.

### **Coroners Referral Form**

The Coroner's Office in the East Riding of Yorkshire and Hull is currently progressing plans to move to a new version of the case management system used. The transition is due to take place this month and the Go Live date for the new system is currently set as 24th November.

The new version of the software includes a web based version of the reporting form used when referring a death to the coroner. The new form will be accessed through the same link as the current form and so there will be no need for doctors to familiarise themselves with an alternative URL. A link to the form will also be made available on the coroner's web page.

The new form will look and feel different to the current form, although the information to be completed will not significantly change. There will be the ability to provide a lot more information on the new form, so the form will look a lot more in depth, however not all questions will be mandatory to complete. Mandatory questions will be highlighted in red.

Hospital doctors and registrars will use the same form. Questions will differ depending on the referrer's role and so one of the first new questions is to confirm your role i.e. GP or Hospital Doctor. The use of drop down lists, including one for causes of death will hopefully make the form more user friendly and easier to complete.

At the end of the form the doctor will have a clear view of the information provided and the ability to edit any section to make changes. When submitting the referral a confirmation will be displayed at the top of the screen to confirm it has been successfully submitted along with the option to print or save a copy of the form. This will replace the confirmation by email.

The Coroner's office have stated that they appreciate that now is not an ideal time to make changes, however given problems with IT servers that concern the current system they cannot delay the change any longer and hope that this change will not cause any inconvenience at this difficult time for everyone.

The Coroners Officers are contactable on 01482 613009 for support and to discuss referrals. More guidance including screen shots of the new form can be downloaded on this [guidance note](#).

### **HCV Webinar – GP Transformation Programmes Wednesday 25 November, 11:30-13:00**

This free online session will cover the following:-

- Overview of HCV – Stephen Eames
- GP Catalyst Programme – HYMS
- Mentorship and Healthy Practice – LMC
- New to Practice Nursing – Haxby ATP
- National Wellbeing Programme – NHS E/I
- Building Bridges and Leadership Programme – NHS Collaborative
- Support for eRD – NHS E/I

The above programmes have been funded through the Transformational Funding that HCV received or via NHS E/I so allows a great opportunity for practices to make the most of the additional funded programmes that have been arranged through the Primary Care Programme Board

The [programme agenda](#) includes the link to join the webinar but if you plan to attend please email Helen Phillips, Programme Lead via [helen.phillips25@nhs.net](mailto:helen.phillips25@nhs.net) to enable her to track attendance numbers.

**Christmas and New Year Opening**

The LMC has asked NHS England and Improvement about plans for general practice cover over Christmas and the New Year. The response was that they are hoping that it will be covered by the usual out of hours arrangements. There are no plans to ask primary care to stay open but it is possible this may change. We will share any further news on this as soon as we have it.