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Items marked * in orange on the content list are highlighted either because of their importance or because they contain information you may not have seen elsewhere.

HOT TOPICS

This Month's Hot Topics

Covid-19 Vaccines – We have been working to clarify second dose interval, working with CCG and media to clarify messages to patients about their appointment and prioritisation, and ensuring funding is in place for estates costs associated with vaccination centres.

Integrated Care Systems – the LMC has submitted a [response to the consultation](#). A key focus for the LMC will be to ensure that General Practice is well represented in the ICS going forward. The LMC is working with other LMCs on this and liaising with the BMA, who have published [their own response to the consultation](#).

Discrimination Survey – we have had an excellent response to this with over 240 people working in primary care completing the survey. We are thrilled to have such a level of interest in the survey on this important issue. The survey has now closed and we will be working to collate and analyse the feedback before convening the working group to implement next steps.

Freeing up practices to support vaccination – a reminder of the [letter issued by NHSE/I](#) outlining steps regarding prioritisation of work. The [joint RCGP/BMA guidance](#) on this issue is also useful.

LMC Elections 2021 – nominations are now open to join our committee. Could you represent your colleagues? See the [information about this year's elections](#).

You can find more links and resources on our [Covid-19 Vaccination Programme](#) page. There are details of services and resources to help everyone working in general practice on our [support](#) page.

TRAINING, EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Primary Care Nurse Course Webinar

Thursday 4th February 2021, 09:30 - 17:00 pm

The one day course, delivered by NB Medical Education, has been funded by NHSE/I and is **free to attend** for nurses working in Primary Care. The “Hot Topics” course consists of a series of short ‘TED-style’ presentations blending evidence and cases, followed by discussion which may have an impact on your practice. The course comes with a number of extra resources. Please see the [course flyer](#) for full details and link to book a place.

The course is open to GPNs working in practices across the Humber Coast and Vale CCGs: Hull, East Riding, North Lincolnshire, North East Lincolnshire, Vale of York and North Yorkshire CCG. If you have any questions please contact NB Medical Education on (0191) 5197293 or via hottopics@nbmedical.com.

Nursing Associate Webinar North East & Yorkshire

Tuesday 9th February, 13:00 - 14:30

This webinar will:

- Explain the role of the nursing associate including hearing from a nursing associate currently working in practice.
- Discuss the training involved to become a nursing associate.
- Discuss funding.
- Provide further information on the practical next steps for employers and individuals who would like to pursue a trainee nursing associate programme.

If you are interested in attending please complete the [online registration form](#). Once you have completed the form you will be provided with a webinar link please save the link by right clicking on the link, press “copy link” and save it in your calendar on the date and time of the webinar.

Hold the Date – Freedom to Speak Up

Wednesday 3rd March 2021, 13:00-14:00

The LMC is now offering the Freedom to Speak Up guardian service to anyone working in primary care in our four CCG areas who wishes to raise a concern. Any members of staff from GP practices can speak up about concerns they have which they feel are not being listened to by their own management reporting. This online event will formally launch our service and will include a speaker from the National Guardians Office. More details will be circulated soon.

Hold the Date – GP Contract Roadshow 2021

Tuesday 2nd March, 19:00-21:00

Via MS Teams

We are working with the BMA on plans for this event which will again see the GPC present the outcome of this year's contract negotiations. The pandemic has forced us to change the usual format and move to an online event but there we're delighted to be able to bring this high-profile occasion to the region again. Look out for further details and booking information soon.

Suicide Prevention Training

Humber, Coast and Vale Health and Care Partnership, suicide prevention programme are promoting the #TalkSuicide campaign, a FREE online suicide prevention training course.

One life lost through suicide is one too many. According to the Office for National Statistics, there were 5,691 suicides registered in England and Wales in 2019 – which amounts to around one death by suicide every 90 minutes. Yorkshire and Humber have the highest rates of suicide in the country and 2 out of 3 people who die by suicide are not known to or in receipt of mental health services.

The #TalkSuicide training will only take around 20 minutes to complete, and will teach you to:

- SPOT the signs when someone is experiencing suicidal thoughts
 - SPEAK to an individual in a supportive manner
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- SIGNPOST an individual to the correct services and support

You will receive a certificate after completing the training. If you require any more information on the #TalkSuicide campaign or want to find out more on the training, please visit www.talksuicide.co.uk

Pathology Webinar

Pathology Tests for Primary Care

Wednesday 24th February 2021, 13:00-14:00

Virtual event

Hull University Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust is hosting this event for primary care staff. The event is primarily aimed at clinicians responsible for requesting and interpreting Pathology tests but is open to anyone wanting to find out more about these topics. The presentations will be recorded and made available for viewing at a later date. The agenda includes:

- Abnormal LFTs and Fatty liver
- Viral Hepatitis, which test when?
- Autoimmune hepatitis – how do I investigate?

For full details including web link see the [event flyer](#) and [attendee guide](#).

Support from the LMC

There are a number of opportunities to benefit from peer to peer support, mentoring and coaching, training, and signposting to other services – all accessible via the LMC. Check out this [short summary of our current support offer](#). New additions available include a practice manager buddying event in February and ‘Great Place to Work’ training coming soon.

PRACTICE MANAGEMENT

Pre-registration for Offenders Leaving Prison

The contractual requirement of the [General Medical Services \(GMS\) Contract 2017/18](#) to accept patients from the secure estate prior to their release has increased importance

during the COVID-19 pandemic. Among other benefits, pre-registration may help the smooth rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine. For individuals leaving the secure estate between the first and second doses of their vaccination who have been registered with a community GP, their GP record will be updated with their vaccination status. GP practices are asked to ensure that processes are in place to meet this contractual requirement, with information on how to do this [here](#).

Update on CQC's Regulatory Approach

The CQC have published [an update on their regulatory approach](#) during the pandemic, which states:

'For primary medical services we will only inspect in response to significant risk of harm – including concerns raised by people working in services and people using them – and when we cannot seek assurances through other routes. If an inspection is necessary, we will carry out as much activity off-site as possible'

BMA Law Partnership Webinar

BMA Law's specialist solicitors hosted a webinar in December covering every aspect of partnership agreements and why they are vital to protecting your partnership. From the perils of partnership at will to last man standing and green socks clauses, this webinar outlines why you need a partnership agreement, how often you should update it, and the common pitfalls to avoid when drafting one. Access a recording of the webinar [here](#).

Support for University Practices

Due to the impact of the pandemic on universities, some practices with a significant proportion of patients being university students have been impacted by a reduction in registrations. This has meant the global sum and other income is much lower than normal and yet the running cost for these practices remains the same.

Following GPCE intervention, NHSE/I has released guidance that CCGs must review such practices and where there is a significant reduction in their global sum (suggested to be greater than a 2% reduction), then the CCG should protect that income. CCG allocations are based on a whole year assumption of patient registrations per practice, so they already have the additional funding within their allocations for this.



[Guidance has been sent to Heads of Primary Care and CCGs](#) to provide a framework for supporting such practices and we are sending on to such practices for information. Practices with a significant university student population should contact their CCG to seek the support they need, including back-payments to cover the period from when registrations dipped.

GENERAL NEWS

Primary Care Networks DES Ballot Outcome

In November 2020 the LMC England conference passed the following resolution for the BMA's GPCE (General Practice Committee England) to ballot the profession regarding the mandate to continue to negotiate the PCN DES:

"Conference notes that the BMA GPC (GP committee) England has never secured a robust democratic mandate for the PCN DES and so again asks the GPC England to secure a firm mandate from the entire profession by means of ballot before negotiating any extension or changes to the PCN DES for the year 2021 / 2022."

The ballot was held in early January with the following question: "Prior to any further negotiations, extension or changes for 2021/22, do you give GPC England a mandate for the PCN directed enhanced service?"

Voting has closed and the results have been validated and verified.

Total votes: 4,534

Outcome: Yes: 80% (3,619); No: 20% (915)

Richard Vautrey, GPC Chair, said: "This outcome provides a clear mandate from the profession for the PCN DES, and GPC England will therefore continue to negotiate on this, seeking improvements and further developing it, as part of the whole GP contract, for the benefit of practices and our patients."

GP Covid-19 Research

Dr Richard Armitage, Clinical Lead at the Nottingham City General Practice Alliance (NCGPA) and Advance HE Fellow (Higher Education Academy), is conducting research into GP confidence in counselling patients about COVID-19 vaccines. Many patients consult their GP about the safety, efficacy and practicalities of COVID-19 vaccines.

This survey aims to find out how confident GPs feel about answering these questions. The survey can be found [here](#) and takes less than 6 minutes. All responses are anonymised and your email address will not be collected.

New to Partnership Payment Scheme Portal Launch

The [New to Partnership Payment Scheme](#) includes a financial sum to support health care professionals in their establishment as a new partner. To make the application process more straightforward NHSE have developed an [application portal](#) which can also be used for processing payment claims once people are registered on the scheme. Individuals accepted on the scheme will receive a payment of up to £20,000 (pro-rata), plus up to £3,000 to support their non-clinical training needs and aid them in developing their partnership skills.

Electronic Claims for Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme

The Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme (ARRS) aims to grow additional capacity in general practice by providing funding to PCNs to recruit across 12 specific roles. There is a new [online portal to manage claims](#) for the scheme which provides a more effective and simple way for PCNs to claim, and CCGs to approve, reimbursement for the roles hired. As a reminder, claims should be submitted no more than a month in arrears. To learn more about the portal please visit the [PCN workforce FutureNHS page](#) where you'll find a user guide, videos and FAQs. For further support please email england.primarycareworkforce@nhs.net.

Sing to Breathe

Sing to Breathe is a group run by Dove House Hospice which takes place once a week for four weeks via Microsoft Teams for patients with chronic respiratory conditions which can be mild to moderate disease e.g. COPD and pulmonary fibrosis. Research suggests that group singing is especially good for people living with long-term lung conditions.

To make a referral for the Sing to Breathe sessions patients can contact the medical secretaries on 01482 785721 or make an electronic referral via <https://www.dovehouse.org.uk/how-we-can-help/refer/>.



The GP International Induction and Return to Practice Programmes

The GP Induction & Refresher Scheme has been rebranded as two separate programmes. All the features of the previous scheme have been retained but are now divided into distinct programmes:

- The GP International Induction Programme (IIP) offers a route into general practice for doctors who qualified overseas and who have no previous NHS general practice experience.
- The Return to Practice Programme (RtP) offers a route back to general practice for doctors who have previously been on the GMC register and NHS England's medical performers list.

For more information and to apply, please visit the [Health Education England website](#).

CPCS - Mobilisation of Programme

NHSE/I have supplied an update on the local implementation of GP-CPCS.

Some of the regional Digital First Primary Care funding has been allocated to fund an integrated digital solution for practices across the North East and Yorkshire region. Funding is agreed for EMIS Patient Access to be provided to EMIS practices, and for Pharm Refer for SystmOne practices. The regional team are in discussion with the providers to agree how this will be rolled out to practices and more details will be circulated in due course. This is 2020/21 funding and NHSE will need to have spent this money by the end of March 2021.

Some PCNs and practices have already engaged in discussions about implementing the service, and will be interested to hear about this available support. Other PCNs and practices may now wish to look at implementing the service.

A webinar is to be made available to support with PCN/practice engagement and this will be circulated and made available.



GP Contract Changes 2021/22

Details have been published on the GP contract for 2021/22, negotiated by GPC England and NHS England. Full details can be found in the letter '[Supporting General Practice in 2021/22](#)' circulated earlier this month.

Among the key parts of this year's contract are:

- Funding increases previously agreed will be honoured
- Funding increase to global sum to allow a 2.1% uplift in pay
- QOF will be largely the same as for 2020/21 with some amendments to cancer and SMI domains to assist with the impact of the pandemic, and changes to vaccinations and immunisations as previously planned to continue with the move to an item of service payment arrangement for childhood vaccinations – these will see additional funding go into QOF
- QI modules from 20/21 to be repeated and slightly amended and the work already done will count towards this
- The core digital offer to patients has been defined, largely based on how practices are already operating due to the pandemic
- New ARRS roles will come on stream, with additional funding being made available to enable mental health practitioners to be part of the PCN workforce
- IIF 2020/12 indicators will remain unchanged. GPCE and NHSEI will have further discussion on other planned indicators for 2021/22, as the length and impact of the pandemic becomes clearer, utilising the additional investment to the IIF
- No new PCN service specifications from April (will be phased in later in the year with dates to be agreed depending on the pandemic), and current PCN services to receive minor amendments
- GPC England and NHSE/I will discuss the introduction (in-year) of a new enhanced service related to obesity and weight management

More detail can be found in the [BMA's announcement](#) and coverage by [GP Online](#).

LMC Elections 2021

Could you represent your fellow GPs in Hull, East Yorkshire, North Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire? Nominations to the committees of both Hull and East Yorkshire LMC and North and North East Lincolnshire LMC are now open and anyone working as a GP within these areas is eligible to stand. We're striving to become more



diverse and welcome nominations from across the community.

Joining our committee is a great way to meet colleagues and to champion general practice. The LMC exists to represent all GPs regardless of contractual status, practice or type of employment. We support sessional GPs and trainees as well as partners.

Elected LMC members are asked to commit to:

- Attend our regular LMC meetings
- Represent the views of the GPs who elect you
- Comment on papers between meetings

Nomination papers have been sent out to all GPs. You can also find all the information you need including FAQs, nomination forms and election timetable at [Humbertside LMC: LMC Elections](#). **Completed nominations must be received by Friday 19 February 2021 at 17:00.** Nominations will then go forward to an election, voted on by all our constituent GPs.

Roll out of ICE Software for Electronic Requesting of Pathology Tests (HUTH)

Hull University Teaching Hospitals Pathology are undertaking a programme of work to replace the Cyberlab software used to request tests. Starting in the next few weeks the Pathology IT team will be in contact with each GP practice to migrate their Cyberlab software to the new ICE software. ICE is a well-established programme and is in use in the majority of GP practices across the country. Initially it will be used for requesting only but in the near future it will also allow users to view secondary care Pathology test results from Hull, York and potentially other Trusts around the region. Further information and training will be provided prior to go-live for your site.

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