

LMC Update June 3rd 2021

Online Consultations

We'd like to reiterate [our advice to practices](#), issued last week in response to concerns about the contractual position on online consultations. GPC Chair Dr Richard Vautrey writes in his latest update to LMCs:

“GPs and their practices, as independent practitioners, with the support of GPC England and your LMC, should deliver care to their patients in the way they determine that best protects and cares for their population.”

“Most importantly, it is for practices to determine how best to manage and deliver their services and the best arrangements for appointments, based on their expert knowledge of their local community, and with regard to the need to maintain good infection, protection and control measures in place. Practices have the contractual freedom to do this in a manner determined by each practice, taking in to account their capacity and workload pressures, and using their best clinical judgement to interpret any guidance, and by doing so delivering a safe service to their patients and a sustainable working environment for their workforce.”

This is an extract from the GPC advice regarding online consultations:

The contractual position

Before the pandemic, as part of the [2019 GP contract deal](#) paragraph 5.10 (i) GPC England agreed that it would eventually become contractual for practices to offer online consultations during core hours. This agreement has not yet been added to the contract regulations, so is not currently a contractual requirement. However, GPCE also agreed that practices should offer online consultations as early as possible, provided that the necessary infrastructure is in place, but it would not become a requirement until it is entered into the contract regulations. It is therefore for practices to determine how best they use online consultation systems, including what hours they are available, and they should try to use them in such a way that helps with triage and workload management, enabling the delivery of a safer and more accessible service to all their patients.

[Read the LMC's statement.](#)

New PCSE GP Pay and Pensions Portal

The new PCSE GP Pay and Pensions portal went live on 1 June. PCSE has advised that via this new portal, practices and GPs working in general practice will be able to access a range of new services to help manage their payments and pensions administration online.

PCSE has written to all practices to ensure they have the correct details on file for the correct contact who will control the access within their practice to the new system. If a practice believes that they have not had this correspondence or they are unsure who their assigned contact is they should email pcse.user-registration@nhs.net. Once the service is live, these 'User Admins' will then be able to log in to the portal and assign the roles to

their practice staff. A suite of guidance for using the new system can be found on the [PCSE website](#).

The payments element of the new system should allow practices to submit payment claims, such as for premises or Locum cover, online. Monthly practice statements will also move to the portal from 1 June. These will only be available via this route.

Practices should find it easier to submit pension information such as an Estimate of GP and Non GP Provider NHS Pensionable Profits with the new system. Practices should also be able to provide updates on salary changes in real-time to ensure the correct pensions contributions are being deducted. Approving Locum A forms and other pensions administration work should also be easier.

Any GP who is a member of the NHS Pensions Scheme as a GP partner, salaried GP or locum GP will be able to access an improved service from PCSE to administer their pension account and access their pension records from 2014/15 onwards. Members will be able to do the following via PCSE online with the new service: Type 1 Annual Certificate of Pensionable Profit and Type 2 self-assessment forms; Estimates of Pensionable Profit/Pay form; Retirement, 24 hour retirement and death in service; GP Locum contributions; GP Solo contributions; opting members in or out of the NHS pension scheme; amending member's Additional Voluntary Contribution (AVC). Further information can be found on the [PCSE website](#).

Members of the scheme are encouraged to log onto the new portal from 1 June 2021. To access this functionality you will need to have a verified PCSE Online account. If you don't have an account, or have yet to verify your existing account, please contact the PCSE User Registration team at pcse.user-registration@nhs.net. If you already have an account but have forgotten your log in details you can set up a new password on the [PCSE login page](#).

Humber Primary Care Collaborative

This week saw the first meeting of the new collaborative which has been set up to provide a strong voice for primary care in the Humber region's new Integrated Care System (ICS).

Minutes will soon be available on our [Humber Primary Care Collaborative web page](#), where you can also find other information on the group including membership and meeting papers.

To the vaccination
teams



Thank you x