

Bradford & Airedale Branch Report
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Message from Mark Brooke, Chair, Bradford & Airedale Branch, YORLMC Ltd
As GPs and PMs, we are all, I think, struggling to understand what future General Practice will look like and are feeling uncertain about the future of our practices as unique businesses focused on providing care to our local communities in ways that suits their particular characteristics.

You will all be aware that the General Practice Forward View sets out NHS England's vision and support for primary care over the next five years. Rapid change is taking place within the NHS and is already being felt in Bradford, Airedale, Wharfedale & Craven. The political mantra is 'integration' and 'out of hospital care' and a range of 'new models of care' are being described that will achieve these.

The emergence of new models of care has significant implications for general practice. It is important that service changes need to maintain a focus on providing the right local service for patients and practices should therefore work closely with their Patient Participation Groups (PPGs). PPGs have an important role both as a barometer of patient opinion and as advocates of the range, shape and quality of services provided by their practice and the unique richness and variety of General Practice. Practices should continue therefore to keep their PPG informed of changes taking place.

Included within this Branch Report are further updates for your information - YORLMC's website also includes a frequent queries section.

Contact details – YORLMC's Corporate Affairs Team

YORLMC's Corporate Affairs Team (CAT) is responsible for keeping GPs and practice teams informed of current issues relating to primary care and beyond. The CAT leads on communicating important messages, producing regular guidance and newsletters to keep all GPs and practice teams informed, involved and engaged.

To help the CAT keep track of changes within practice teams it will be much appreciated if you can advise info@yorlmc Ltd.co.uk when email addresses change, when GPs join or leave your practice as well as when there is to be a change of Practice Manager.

- Kate Mackenzie administers the Bradford & Airedale Branch (Kate.Mackenzie@yorlmc Ltd.co.uk) and is therefore the first point of contact for all Bradford, Airedale, Wharfedale and Craven related matters.

YORLMC Branch and Division Meeting Agendas:

Contributions are welcomed from GPs and Practice Managers

GPs and Practice Managers are reminded that their suggestions for items for inclusion on Branch and Division agendas are welcomed.

Meetings of the Bradford & Airedale Branch of YORLMC focus on issues affecting the Bradford, Airedale, Wharfedale & Craven area as a whole. There are also three Divisions of YORLMC Ltd which correspond to the three CCG areas. Division meetings focus on more localised discussion and, as co-commissioning gathers momentum, are becoming increasingly significant.

Agendas are circulated to Committee Members one week prior to meetings, following agenda planning sessions involving YORLMC Officers and YORLMC's Corporate Affairs team. Branches and Divisions meet bimonthly in alternate months and you can check the dates of forthcoming meetings [here](#)

We very much hope you will contribute to this process – your suggested items can be forwarded to the Corporate Affairs Team as follows: info@yormcltd.co.uk

GP Practice Christmas and New Year opening hours

With regard to GP Practice Christmas and New Year opening hours, the only requirement is that practices must provide essential services plus any additional or enhanced services they have agreed to and essential services are to be delivered in a way decided by the practice.

Practices do not have to be open during core hours but responsibility and availability does rest with the practice so some provision must be made and although accepting that there are some challenges for small or rural practices, YORLMC's view is that it is reasonable to expect practices to be open during core hours.

YORLMC would expect the main surgery to be open during the majority of core hours of 08.00 to 18.30 but this would not be necessary for the branch surgeries.

The GPC guidance from previous years is still available here and should be read in conjunction with the letter that NHSE is expected to circulate shortly.

<http://bma.org.uk/support-at-work/gp-practices/service-provision/gp-services-during-holiday-period>

The CQC has also issued a mythbuster on opening hours that is worth reading:

<http://www.cqc.org.uk/content/nigels-surgery-55-opening-hours>

Case Manager/Community Matron reallocation (Bradford City and Districts)

YORLMC officers have repeatedly raised concerns with Bradford City and Districts CCGs and BDCT about the delays in the reallocation of Case Managers/Community Matrons.

Following discussions at the (City) Clinical Commissioning Forum and (Districts) Clinical Forum in August 2016, a task and finish group was established, including YORLMC representatives, to address the remodelling of the Case Manager/Community Matron service and align provision equitably across the Bradford CCGs population. This group has proved to be very useful and efficient and practices will now have received confirmation from the CCG that the new service will go live this month (November).

QIPP programmes (Bradford City and Districts)

Bradford City and Districts CCGs are aiming to save a total of £13m for 2016-17 and have developed a range of QIPP schemes with a view to making significant savings. CCG representatives have updated YORLMC officers on these schemes at the regular bi-monthly liaison meetings and Division meetings and further information is available on the CCG websites at <http://www.bradfordcityccg.nhs.uk/be-informed/qipp-programme/> and <http://www.bradforddistrictsccg.nhs.uk/be-informed/qipp-programme/>

YORLMC highlighted to the CCGs that it would be helpful to practices if schemes can be agreed for both the remainder of this year and next year, so that practices have the reassurance that their extra £1 of QIPP funding is secure.

Wi-Fi in practices

The GPFV states that funding will be made available to cover the hardware, implementation and service costs for Wi-Fi services in GP practices for staff and patients from April 2017. CCGs have confirmed that Wi-Fi will be introduced in BAWC practices by this date.

Connected Yorkshire

The Connected Health Cities project, which includes Connected Yorkshire, is a £20m project across the north of England which aims to make greater use of data routinely produced in the NHS, in pseudonymised form. The project in Bradford will be focused on improving outcomes around frailty and the elderly, and childhood obesity (using maternity and Health Visitor data to identify risk factors earlier).

A data sharing agreement has been produced by Connected Yorkshire for practices to sign to allow data to be extracted in pseudonymised form. YORLMC has shared this agreement with LMC Law, who have advised that they have no concerns with the agreement.

YorTender

YORLMC would like to remind practices that local authority contracts that are out to tender will be advertised via the YorTender website <https://www.yortender.co.uk>

Registration is free and will allow you to become aware when new services become eligible for tender.

**This Bulletin is based on the best available information.
We will endeavour to ensure you are kept informed of any changes.**

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