



North Yorkshire Branch Report

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Message from John Crompton, Chair, North Yorkshire Branch, YORLMC Ltd



The General Election called at short notice and subsequent Purdah had meant that business as usual for NHSE and CCGs has been to some extent put on hold in the last month. To date we have seen no significant post election changes and we are now picking back up various workstreams with NHSE and CCGs. In our own elections I would like to congratulate [Aaron Brown](#) who has been elected, from a strong team of candidates, to succeed John Lethem as the Vale of York Liaison Officer from September. I

am confident Aaron will be a strong addition to our team although [John Lethem](#) will be an extremely hard act to follow and I would like to personally thank him for his invaluable, wise and always measured input into YORLMC and the wider York health system.

We await further information on the new financial arrangements as a result of the capped expenditure process in York and Scarborough and potential changes in CCG configurations and joint working across HaRD, HRW and Scarborough & Ryedale.

Meanwhile this month we have met with NYCC (see pages 3 & 4), raising a number of issues around inappropriate requests from schools and not fit for purpose NYCC referral forms. We are also working with Spectrum (Horizons) to revise the alcohol prescribing specification. Work has also begun with representatives of NYY CCGs and TEWV to review and address the commissioning of eating disorder services in North Yorkshire & York.

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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.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.

Simon Berriman is administering the North Yorkshire Branch and Liaison -

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Stacey Fielding is administering the 4 North Yorkshire Divisions –

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Simon and Stacey are therefore the first point of contact for all North Yorkshire & York related matters.

YORLMC Branch and Division Meeting Agendas: Contributions and attendance is 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 North Yorkshire Branch of YORLMC focus on issues affecting the North Yorkshire & York area as a whole. There are also four Divisions of YORLMC Ltd which correspond to the four North Yorkshire CCG areas. Division meetings focus on more localised discussion and Agendas are circulated to Committee Members one week prior to meetings, following agenda planning sessions involving YORLMC Officers and YORLMC’s Corporate Affairs Team. All GPs and Practice

Managers are welcome to attend their respective Division meetings.

Branches and Divisions meet bi-monthly 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 sent to the Corporate Affairs Team as follows:

info@yorlmc.co.uk

If you wish to attend your local Division meeting please contact: Stacey.fielding@yorlmc.co.uk

Message from Berni Judge, Practice Manager Resource, North Yorkshire Branch, YORLMC

Just a reminder that I am the Practice Manager Resource co-opted to the North Yorkshire Branch of YORLMC. My co-option to YORLMC has been made with the intention of providing practices across North Yorkshire and York with an additional resource and acting as a link with practice manager colleagues. I will be attending Branch meetings and also liaison meetings with CCG leads and representatives of the Area Team so if you feel there are issues/themes emerging that would benefit from being highlighted at these meetings please let me know so I can ensure these can be considered for inclusion on meeting agendas. The easiest way to contact me is by email – berni.judge@nhs.net. When emailing it would be helpful if you could also copy your email to the Corporate Affairs Team - simon.berriman@yorlmc.co.uk



NYCC Approved Provider List

YORLMC would like to thank practices who have signed up to provide primary care based public health services via the Approved Provider List. The Approved Provider List remains open and practices can apply to deliver any of the PH commissioned services at any time. If practices would like to discuss how to apply to then please contact Nicola Dixon, NYCC on 01609536503 or email Nicola.Dixon@northyorks.gov.uk

NYCC—referral forms

A number of NYCC referral forms including those for Safeguarding, Multi Agency Screening Team children's services and the Healthy Child Programme have been developed / modified without YORLMC consultation and are not fit for purpose. They require detail in excess of that needed to make a referral and, form protection, means they cannot be integrated into SystemOne or EMIS .

NYCC are in the process of reviewing these forms and, in the interim in view of current GP workload pressures, YORLMC advises GPs to complete the relevant sections that they feel they have capacity to in order to process a safe referral. An update on the review will be provided in due course.

Going forward, NYCC has agreed that YORLMC will be consulted in advance of new or modifications to forms as an essential stakeholder.

NYCC—OTC medicines to pupils & schools requiring sick notes

YORLMC has met with NYCC to discuss two issues creating unnecessary workload for general practice:

1. **School policies stating they will not issue any OTC medicines to pupils and that they need to be prescribed by a GP with dosing instructions**

This is contrary to [national guidance](#) encouraging parents to take responsibility for their children's health and minor illness. The below extract:

‘no child under 16 should be given prescription or non-prescription medicines without their parent’s written consent’

NYCC have agreed to follow this up and revised guidance will be issued to parents. In the interim inappropriate requests to GPs should be declined.

Relevant BMA guidance is available below:

<https://www.bma.org.uk/advice/employment/gp-practices/quality-first/manage-inappropriate-workload/prescribing-non-prescription-medication>

which states that:

- Non-prescription /over the counter (OTC) medication does not need a GP signature/ authorisation in order for the school/nursery/childminder to give it.
- It is a misuse of GP time to take up an appointment just to acquire a prescription for a medicine wholly to satisfy the needs of a nursery/school.

NYYC—OTC medicines to pupils & schools requiring sick notes (continued)

2. Schools requiring sick notes for absences

NYYC agree that schools requesting GPs to issue notes for sickness absence for short lived or self-limiting episodes of illness is inappropriate.

For information, the below extract from [BMA guidance](#) is relevant:

Examinations and sickness certificates

It should be noted that GPs **do not provide sick notes for schoolchildren**. When children are absent from school owing to illness, schools may request a letter from a parent or guardian, and this is no different during an exam period. However, children who have missed exams due to illness are frequently told by schools that a note from a doctor is required; but this cannot be provided by a GP. Aside from the fact that parents/guardians are responsible for excusing their children from school, GPs cannot provide retrospective sickness certification. When a child suffers from a long-term condition, any certification will be provided by the responsible specialist.

GPC has sought and received confirmation from the Office of the Qualifications and Examinations Regulator that Awarding Organisations make no requirement for pupils to obtain a medical certificate in support of their application for special consideration. Students are asked for information in support of their application, but this may take the form of a statement by the school. The Joint Council for Qualifications has confirmed that as far as they are concerned, if a student was absent from an examination as a result of illness and has the support of the school or centre to be absent, special consideration will be granted on that basis. Awarding organisations do not insist that medical proof is provided.

NYYC agreed to follow this up within their education department

Changes within practice teams

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If you would like to advertise your availability for employment then please contact info@yorlmc.co.uk for further information and advertising rates

Book your place at the YORLMC Conference on 17 October

This full day event available to all North Yorkshire & York and Bradford & Airedale practices is taking place at the [Pavilions of Harrogate](#), Great Yorkshire Show Ground, Harrogate. This full day Conference is designed to help GPs and practice teams navigate the changing landscape of general practice by providing practical information and advice on new mod-

els of care, future proofing general practice, working within the changing shape of the GP workforce, new consultation types, social prescribing and more. **A full programme is now available** so please secure your place as quickly as possible, for a nominal fee of £40 per person, via the link below to avoid disappointment. <https://www.yorlmcld.co.uk/>

YORLMC TRAINING - Upcoming courses

For a full list please see training courses please see <https://www.yorlmcld.co.uk/events>

YORLMC TRAINING - Lunch & Learn

Lunch & Learn training packages provide a different way for practices to train their staff as it enables you, on behalf of the practice, to deliver training over a lunchtime, by giving you all the materials you need. When you purchase the Lunch and Learn package your payment will trigger access to a PowerPoint presentation and all the relevant accompanying training materials. The training packages which have been developed by Wessex LMCs are accessible [here](#). You will need to create an account and use the code **YORLMC** when you purchase in order to access the preferential rates offered to practices in Bradford, Airedale, Wharfedale, Craven, North Yorkshire & York.

Pharmacy Applications

The following have been approved:

- Change of ownership application for JS Longthorne Chemists at 20 King Street, Richmond, North Yorkshire, DL10 4HP by Day Lewis plc;
- Change of ownership application for JS Longthorne Chemists at 7 Market Place, Leyburn, North Yorkshire, DL8 5BG by Day Lewis plc

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