

Bradford & Airedale Branch Report

Message from Mark Brooke Chair, Bradford & Airedale Branch, YORLMC Ltd



YORLMC Conference 17 October 2017

YORLMC is holding a conference on 17 October 2017. This full day event is available to all Bradford & Airedale and North Yorkshire & York practices and is taking place at the Pavilions of Harrogate, Great Yorkshire Show Ground, Harrogate.

The Conference is designed to help GPs and practice teams navigate the changing landscape of general practice by providing practical information and advice on new models 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.yorlmltd.co.uk/events/3360>

eMBED

YORLMC is aware of practices' ongoing concerns about IT supplier eMBED over charging for services, staff changes at the company and the overall ability of the company to fulfil its contractual requirements to general practice.

We have discussed these concerns with BAWCCCG and are reassured that the CCG shares our concerns and is acting on them.

Negotiations have led to changes in charging agreements with some items now becoming "routine business" and hence free of charge. Any concerns practices have about eMBED should be shared with Simon Wilson as head of IT at the CCG and we would urge practices to feed back any tangible evidence to support or illustrate these concerns as this will then be used in negotiations with eMBED

YORLMC - representing all GPs and their practices in:

- **Bradford, Airedale, Wharfedale and Craven**
- **North Yorkshire and the City of York**

Providing:

- ◆ Support
- ◆ Advice
- ◆ Pastoral Care
- ◆ YORLMC Law
- ◆ Training
- ◆ Events
- ◆ YORLMC News
- ◆ YORLMC Buying Group
- ◆ Regular updates

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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@yorlmcld.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.

Neil Bostock and Kate Mackenzie are the first points of contact for all Bradford, Airedale, Wharfedale and Craven related matters.

Neil and Kate can be contacted on neil.bostock@yorlmcld.co.uk and Kate.Mackenzie@yorlmcld.co.uk

YORLMC Division Meetings - GPs and Practice Managers invited to attend

GPs and Practice Managers are reminded that they are invited - and encouraged - to attend their local YORLMC Division meetings.

The Division meetings provide the opportunity for closer working at individual locality level with senior representatives from the local CCG and provide a forum to progress matters that are pertinent to individual localities.

Divisions meet bimonthly and you can check the dates of forthcoming meetings [here](#). If you intending to come to a meeting, please let the Corporate Affairs Team know via neil.bostock@yorlmcld.co.uk

In addition, 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. The three Divisions of YORLMC Ltd which correspond to the three CCG areas focus on more localised discussion.

Agendas are circulated to Committee Members one week prior to meetings, following agenda planning sessions involving YORLMC Officers and YORLMC's Corporate Affairs team. 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@yorlmcld.co.uk

Pharmacy applications

The following application has been granted by NHSE:

- No significant change relocation from Unit 2 Asda Supermarket, Towngate, Wyke, BD12 9JQ to 81 Towngate, Wyke, BD12 9JB by Currie's Chemist (Wyke) Ltd

Collaborative arrangements

GPs are reminded that they are responsible for determining their fees for this work. Further information is available at: <http://www.bma.org.uk/support-at-work/pay-fees-allowances/fees/fee-finder/fee-finder-collaborative-arrangements>

YORLMC would also like to remind GPs that it is particularly important that matters relating to individuals who are potentially at risk continue to be dealt with in a timely manner, while discussions regarding payments continue, e.g. child protection/vulnerable adults reports, attendance at case conferences etc. Practices are also advised to keep a record of claims sent to their CCG in case any problems regarding payment arise.

GPs may find PSSRU information on unit costs of use when determining their fees. <http://www.pssru.ac.uk/project-pages/unit-costs/2016/#sections> (see section II Community-based health care staff)

Registration of patients discharged from safe haven/violent patient services

There is nothing in the Regulations to describe the process for discharging patients from a safe haven back into main stream General Practice. However, the process being applied by LCD, the provider of the safe haven/violent patient service in Bradford & Airedale, Calderdale, Kirklees and Leeds is in YORLMC's view appropriate.

Practices are reminded that they may only refuse an application from a patient to join the practice list if the contractor has reasonable grounds for doing so which do not relate to the applicant's age, appearance, disability or medical condition, gender or gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy or maternity, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation or social class.

The relevant Regulation references with regard to the above are:
GMS Schedule 3 Part 2 Patients para 21
PMS Schedule 2 Part 2 Patients para 20

PCSE escalation process – amended contact

As previously advised, an escalation process is in place for use when practices experience problems with PCSE.

Please note that the contact for West Yorkshire has changed and Sophie Meek is now interim West Yorkshire contact.

In the first instance please continue to contact PCSE using the usual email details (see the [YORLMC website](#) for details).

Should you experience a delay in receiving a response, you can contact PCS England regional contact Sophie.meek@nhs.net - Interim West Yorkshire

If following this, the matter remains unresolved please contact all four NHSE Y&H contacts - clarestreeter@nhs.net, marie.wharton@nhs.net, helen.hawran@nhs.net and v.lindon@nhs.net who will do their best to help escalate the issues.

Message from Chris Brennan, Practice Manager resource, Bradford & Airedale Branch, YORLMC

Just a reminder that I am the Practice Manager resource co-opted to the Bradford & Airedale Branch of YORLMC. My role is to use my experience to inform YORLMC discussions and negotiations with a range of organisations, including CCGs, NHSE, AHNHST, BTHNHST and the Local Authority.

For clarity, my role is not to provide practice manager representation but instead is to provide a resource and expertise to the Committee by providing a practice manager perspective.

I attend Branch meetings and also liaison meetings with CCG leads, representatives of the Area Team and Bradford MDC's Public Health 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 -

chris.brennan@bradford.nhs.uk. When emailing it would be helpful if you could also copy your email to Kate Mackenzie (kate.mackenzie@yorlmcLtd.co.uk) at the Corporate Affairs Team



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.

LOOKING FOR WORK AND VACANCIES? Advertise in the YORLMC Ltd Newsletter

YORLMC's newsletter is circulated to all Bradford & Airedale and North Yorkshire Practices.

If you would like to advertise your availability for employment then please contact

info@yorlmcLtd.co.uk for further information and advertising rates

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BMA Guidance - Prescribing non-prescription (over the counter) medication in nurseries and schools

The BMA has updated the [above guidance](#). Non-prescription /over the counter (OTC) medication does not need a GP signature/authorisation in order for the school/nursery/childminder to give it. The guidance now makes it clear that it is appropriate for OTC medicines to be administered by a member of staff in the **nursery or school, or self-administered by the pupil during school hours, following written permission by the parents**, as they consider necessary. 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.

Onward referrals - non-secondary care services

YORLMC has received some queries from practices regarding flagging onward referrals as breaches of the NHS standard contract. Please note that non-secondary care services are not permitted to make onward referrals and do need to direct the patient back to the original referrer to action any required onward referrals. Although some services, such as podiatry and physiotherapy, are provided by secondary care Trusts in some areas, they are not secondary care services and so cannot make onward referrals.

However, it should be noted that these services should direct patients back to the original referrer and not the GP by default. If a patient is referred to physiotherapy by a Consultant and it is found they require an onward referral to orthopaedics, for example, the physiotherapy team should direct the patient back to the Consultant and not their GP.

Secondary care services are able to make onward referrals, within their Trust, so long as the referral is for a non-urgent condition directly related to the original condition. If practices experience this not happening they are encouraged to report such instances as breaches of the NHS standard contract.

YORLMC TRAINING - Upcoming courses

For a full list please see training courses please see

<https://www.yorlmc.co.uk/events>

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.

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