

# SHEFFIELD LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE

# Newsletter

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### ***LMC NEWSFLASH: NEW CONTRACTUAL MODELS & WORKING AT SCALE EVENT***

All represented Sheffield GPs and Practice Managers should have recently received two LMC Newsflashes regarding the following event:

**General Practice Forward View (GPFV): New Contractual Models & Examples of Working at Scale**  
**THURSDAY 26 OCTOBER 2017**  
**7 pm prompt**

(Light refreshments available from 6.15 pm)  
Doubletree Hilton (Sheffield Park), Chesterfield Rd, Sheffield S8 8BW

Further copies of the latest Newsflash can be found at:

<http://www.sheffield-lmc.org.uk/website/IGP217/files/GPFV%2026Oct17%20Update.pdf>.

We hope that all Sheffield GP practices will ensure that they are represented at this event, which will be an important opportunity to:

- receive a national update on the new contractual and working at scale models;
- hear about a variety of models that have been introduced around the country;
- hear about local initiatives and potential directions of travel;
- influence the direction of travel for Sheffield General Practice.

**REGISTRATION:** As noted in the circulated updates, places are limited. Therefore, it is essential that you **register to attend**. To register please email the LMC via [administrator@sheffieldlmc.org.uk](mailto:administrator@sheffieldlmc.org.uk) confirming your full name and practice address (if applicable). If you are registering on behalf of others, please ensure that you supply each attendee's details.

**SUPPORT WITH COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP (CHP)  
AND NHS PROPERTY SERVICES (NHSPS) ISSUES**

On 17 August 2017 Dr Ian Hume, General Practitioners Committee (GPC) premises lead wrote to CHP practices with updates on subsidised occupations, VAT, management charges and streamlining processes. Further copies of the communication can be accessed via:

<https://www.bma.org.uk/-/media/files/pdfs/employment%20advice/gp%20practices/premises/letter-to-practices-chpcovering%20letter%20-to-gp-tenants-combined.pdf?la=en>.

On 15 September 2017 Dr Hume wrote to NHSPS practices with updates on lease negotiations, transitional funding and current charges. Further copies of the communication can be accessed via:

<https://www.bma.org.uk/-/media/files/pdfs/employment%20advice/gp%20practices/premises/letter-to-practices-nhsps-accepting-invoice%20-sep-2017.pdf?la=en>.

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**THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE (GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES CONTRACTS AND  
PERSONAL MEDICAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2017**

All practices should be aware of the above amendment regulations, which came in to force on 6 October 2017. The regulations cover:

- The introduction of a requirement to participate in the National Diabetes Audit (NDA);
- Requirement to allow the extraction of data relating to clinical indicators no longer in the QOF;
- Requirement to allow the extraction of data relating to former enhanced services schemes;
- Data required for the purposes of the NHS Digital Workforce Census;
- Registration of Overseas Visitors;
- Requirement to diagnose and deal with frailty;
- Provision for certain detained persons to register with a GP prior to their release.

The regulations and Explanatory Memorandum can be accessed via: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2017/908/contents/made>.

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**FUNDING GENERAL PRACTICE IN ENGLAND**

Last month the General Practitioners Committee (GPC) published their analysis of the funding of general practice in England.

In 2016 the British Medical Association (BMA) called for 11% of the NHS budget in England to be invested in general practice, to tackle the growing crisis caused by nearly a decade of underinvestment by successive governments.

One year on the outlook for general practice funding in England between now and 2020/21 has been reviewed, with consideration being given to whether planned investment over the coming 4 years as part of the General Practice Forward View (GPFV) is likely to meet the 11% target. Analysis indicates that even if the GPFV funding is delivered in full, investment in general practice is likely to fall significantly short of the 11% target.

Investment statistics have been published by NHS Digital: <https://digital.nhs.uk/catalogue/PUB30090>.

Full details of the BMA's analysis can be found at: <https://www.bma.org.uk/collective-voice/influence/key-negotiations/nhs-funding/investment-in-general-practice-in-england>.

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**INTERNATIONAL GP RECRUITMENT PROGRAMME**

*Expansion of the GP International Recruitment Programme Implementation Plan* was published in August 2017. NHS England (NHSE) is working with partner organisations, including the General Practitioners Committee (GPC), to scale up targeted international recruitment to a total of 2,000 overseas doctors over the next 3 years. It is anticipated that new recruits will begin working in England early in the New Year.

Work is also ongoing around visa arrangements for European Economic Area (EEA) and non-EEA GPs between NHSE, Health Education England, the Department of Health and the Home Office.

There is now widespread support across all programme stakeholders for the inclusion of General Practitioners on the Migration Advisory Committee (MAC) Shortage Occupation List (SOL). This would enable international GPs to obtain working visas without being subject to the standard Resident Labour Market Test (RLMT). All stakeholders, including the British Medical Association (BMA), will be making a submission to the MAC requesting that GPs are added to the SOL as soon as possible.

NHSE is also exploring all possible options around making themselves the single sponsor for all international doctors holding Tier 2 visas, including international medical graduates (IMGs) that have completed GP training in the UK and are ready to work in General Practice.

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### **GP EARNINGS & EXPENSES 2015/16**

Further to the publication of the latest GP income and expenses figures by NHS Digital, the British Medical Association (BMA) published an analysis of GP Earnings and Expenses Report 2015/16.

A copy of the report can be accessed via:

<http://www.sheffield-lmc.org.uk/website/IGP217/files/GP%20earnings%20and%20expenses%20report%202015-16%20-%20summary%20of%20headline%20figures.pdf>.

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### **IDENTIFICATION AND MANAGEMENT OF PEOPLE WITH FRAILTY: GUIDANCE ON BATCH-CODING**

Concerns have been raised that some practices have batch-coded a Read code diagnosis of frailty. It is recommended that this should not be done.

As a result of the above, NHS England recently issued the following statement:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/gms-contract-batch-coding-statement.pdf>.

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### **ANNUALISING OF 2015 SCHEME PRACTITIONER CONTRIBUTIONS**

GPs (types 1: partners, types 2: salaried GPs, and locums) in pensionable employment who transitioned to the 2015 Career Average Revalued Earnings (CARE) scheme (including those who have moved from the 1995/2008 sections) *who have sporadic service* will need to be aware of the new rules which determine the contribution tier applicable to them.

The General Practitioners Committee (GPC) and BMA Pensions have recently issued guidance, which can be accessed via:

<https://www.bma.org.uk/advice/employment/pensions/annualising-of-2015-scheme-contributions>.

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### **SESSIONAL GPs E-NEWSLETTER: SEPTEMBER 2017**

The September edition of the Sessional GPs e-newsletter is available on the BMA website at: <http://bma-mail.org.uk/t/JVX-55R6T-1BJCJOU46E/cr.aspx>. The main articles include:

- List closures, 'a clear warning signal';
- The pros and cons of locum work;
- Ten tips for working parents;
- Safeguarding adults in primary care.
- Help for GPs under pressure;
- Getting to grips with appraisal and revalidation;
- Complaint management;

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## **IMPROVING ACCESS TO GENERAL PRACTICE**

NHS England has published a communications guide and resource pack to support commissioners and general practice providers to promote general practice services to patients:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/improving-access-to-general-practice-guide.pdf>.

The guide includes advice on developing a range of communications activities and is accompanied by a variety of communications resources including poster templates, web banners and other promotional materials which can be downloaded for use locally.

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### **SOUTH YORKSHIRE AND BASSETLAW ACCOUNTABLE CARE SYSTEM “WORKING TOGETHER” EVENTS**

*Article submitted by Lindsey Carr, Secretary, Northern Centre Members Relations Directorate, BMA*

As South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw health and care partners start to work more closely together in Accountable Care Partnerships and the wider Accountable Care System, a series of ‘in conversation’ events with national and regional leaders are now open for booking.

The sessions are an opportunity to learn about what’s happening and why, get a chance to debate and share your thoughts.

- Join national transformation lead for urgent and emergency care Keith Willett in Barnsley at The Core on Wednesday 25 October 5.30 to 7.30 pm.
- Join NHS England medical director Sir Bruce Keogh in Rotherham at the football ground on Friday 27 October 2 to 4 pm.
- Join national clinical director for cardiovascular disease prevention Matt Kearney in Sheffield for an afternoon workshop on CVD and prevention at 722 Prince of Wales Road on Monday 30 October 1 to 4.30 pm.

Places will be limited and bookings are on a first come first served basis.

The events are for senior nurses, doctors and healthcare professionals working in primary and secondary care in South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw. Register your interest now and send your name, position, organisation, which event you would like to attend and your email to [helloworkingtogether@nhs.net](mailto:helloworkingtogether@nhs.net).

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**Please forward any articles for inclusion in the LMC newsletter to  
[manager@sheffieldlmc.org.uk](mailto:manager@sheffieldlmc.org.uk)**

**Articles for the November edition to be received by Friday 10 November.**

**Submission deadlines can be found at**

<http://www.sheffield-lmc.org.uk/website/IGP217/files/Newsletter%20&%20VB%20Deadlines%202017.pdf>