

SHEFFIELD LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE

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SHEFFIELD SHADOW CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP (CCG) ELECTION: EXTENSION OF APPLICATION DEADLINE

On 8 September 2011 an LMC Newsflash was emailed to all represented GPs, confirming that application deadline for the CCG board member election has been extended to **Friday 16 September 2011**.

Sheffield LMC Executive would like to encourage all Sheffield list GPs to consider taking up this unprecedented opportunity to influence Sheffield healthcare.

Further information, including an application pack, can be downloaded from NHS Sheffield's intranet at: <http://nww.sheffield.nhs.uk/news/ccgelection.php>

A copy of the Newsflash can be downloaded from the LMC website at: <http://www.sheffield-lmc.org.uk/Newsflash/CCG%20Election%20-%20Deadline%20Extension.pdf>

ELECTED MEMBER VACANCY ON SHEFFIELD LMC

Due to the recent relocation of two committee members, there are vacancies on the LMC for the remainder of the current electoral term, ie until 30 November 2012.

The number of sessional GPs on the committee has now reduced significantly, and the LMC Executive would be particularly keen to encourage sessional GPs to join the LMC. However, all eligible GPs (on Sheffield Medical Performers List and contributing to the LMC's levies, either directly or via practice contributions) are encouraged to consider joining the LMC.

Meetings of the full LMC are usually held on the second Monday of the month at 7.45 pm in the Lecture Theatre at Tapton Hall (occasionally dates are changed to avoid bank holidays, staff leave etc).

In addition, members are encouraged to represent the LMC on other committees and this additional meeting attendance is

funded by the organisers of the committees or the LMC.

The LMC's primary function is to represent Sheffield GPs and, therefore, it is extremely important that local GPs have a means of debating the important topical issues and influencing or making policy in order to represent the breadth of general practice in Sheffield.

The LMC is also a very useful forum for keeping up-to-date with all that is happening in Primary Care and a chance to meet colleagues with differing views across the city.

Further details of the work of the LMC can be found in *A Guide to Your Local Medical Committee*, which is available via the LMC's website at:

<http://www.sheffield-lmc.org.uk/Downloads/LMC%20Guide.pdf>

It would be appreciated if initial expressions of interest could be forwarded to the LMC office via manager@sheffieldlmc.org.uk by **Friday 7 October 2011**.

If you require any further information or would like to discuss this prior to making a decision, please do not hesitate to contact:

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SEASONAL FLU VACCINATION PROGRAMME FOR 2011/12

The General Practitioners Committee (GPC) has written to all GPs to remind them of the arrangements for the seasonal flu vaccine programme in 2011/12.

Evidence shows that patients in at-risk groups are much more likely to die from seasonal flu than healthy individuals.

Given that the seasonal flu vaccine uptake in the at-risk groups in patients under 65 and pregnant women was much lower last year than that recommended by the World Health Organisation (WHO), the GPC is encouraging practices to ensure that those in the at-risk groups are given priority.

The GPC is also concerned about the low uptake in healthcare workers, and is encouraging practices to ensure that staff are better protected.

A copy of the GPC's letter is available via:
http://www.bma.org.uk/images/gpseasonalfulettersep2011_tcm41-208947.doc

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CARE QUALITY COMMISSION (CQC) REGISTRATION

Following the recent consultation, the Department of Health (DH) has formally announced a delay to the registration of GP practices with the CQC until April 2013, subject to Parliamentary approval.

Whilst the announcement is welcome, the General Practitioners Committee's (GPC) view remains that:

- the intervening period should be used to radically reduce the requirements for compliance on GP practices;
- practices should not undertake any significant preparatory work relating to registration at this stage;
- practices should not engage others to undertake any significant preparatory work for them, as these third parties cannot possibly know what the final CQC process will include.

Further information about the announcement can be found in the DH press release:
<http://mediacentre.dh.gov.uk/2011/08/12/delay-to-cqc-registration-for-gp-practices/>

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BMA MEMBERSHIP DATA

Article submitted by Chris Finlan, Joint Head, NHS GPs Division, BMA

NHS reform, public sector pension changes and the need for the NHS to make huge efficiency savings are very likely to create a period of unprecedented change for doctors.

To protect yourself, it is essential that you keep up to date with how your role and career may be affected.

To do this and to allow us to represent you as effectively as possible, we need an up-to-date picture of all our members, including where you work.

Do not risk being left out – help us to help you by checking your contact details and profile to ensure our records are accurate.

There are three ways to update your details, simply:

- update your details securely www.bma.org.uk/myworkplaces
- email: info.pow@bma.org.uk
- call our membership team on 0207 383 6955 (9am-5pm, Mon-Fri).

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