

Newsletter – May 2012

Non-Clinical QOF Submission

There was significant discussion between the LMC and NHS Rotherham (NHSR) around the failure of some practices to submit their data, the need for extra work to be done by NHSR and the "penalty" for late submission. After some discussion NHSR magnanimously agreed to waive all charges. Other South Yorkshire areas have refused to process late / incorrect submissions resulting in NO payment. You must all realise that the submission next year will have to be done correctly. It is almost certain that with the advent of the NHS Commissioning Board there will be insufficient support staff to assist you. Please make your submissions early to avoid disappointment!

Choice of GP practice

This comes into effect on 1st July and you must have your practice boundaries agreed with NHSR before that time. If in doubt, speak to Keith Stamp or one of his colleagues.

A further set of guidance for all PCTs on Choice of GP, covering outer practice boundaries, open and closed lists and aspects of the Patient Choice Scheme which apply to all PCTs not

just those participating in the Scheme, was published on the DH website.

The link is: -

<http://www.dh.gov.uk/health/2012/04/patient-choice-guidance/>.

Review of NHS estates,

This particularly affects Health Centre rents. This is decreed from above; it is not local and must be done. Cooperation is essential - if you are in difficulty let the LMC know.

Transfer of traditional secondary care work into primary care.

There is a slow but inexorable shift of traditional secondary care work into primary care. Lots and lots of things happening as you know. The CCG and Reference Group have committed a huge amount of time and effort into managing this change. Certain pre-emptive measures have been taken by RFT which have been noted. The LMC is insistent that funding must follow this transfer and that unless GPs feel confident in managing these transitions clinically they should not happen until adequate training has been arranged. Funding must allow for

increased capacity. If you are aware of any issues please let NHSR have details.

CQC Registration

The General Practitioners Committee (GPC) has this month launched revised guidance to help guide GPs through registration with the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

The GPC launched a CQC toolkit in 2011 amidst concerns from GPs about the burdensome nature of the registration process. Since then registration has been delayed by a year to April 2013 and changes have been made to the process itself.

The new guidance takes these changes into account. It is intended to help GPs decide if they are compliant with the CQC's essential standards and provides an easy explanation of the process and what happens once they are registered.

<http://www.rotherhamlmc.org/guidance.htm>

Clinical Commissioning groups

More information emerged this month, with a draft constitution, factsheet and frequently asked questions.

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GP Trainees Elections

The GP Trainees Subcommittee is holding elections for each of their 19 regional constituencies this summer. Nominations are now open to all those on, or about to begin, a GP training programme, whether they are BMA members or not. Full details, including nomination forms are available on the BMA website. Please note that all nominations must be received by the GPC office by **5pm on Friday 22 June 2012**:

http://www.bma.org.uk/representation/branch_committees/general_prac/becomingagptraineerep.jsp

QMAS underpayments

The Department of Health has published a letter to inform PCTs that they are required to correct payments to practices for the 2010/11 QOF achievement payments now that actual data is available. The guidance highlights an error within the QMAS and includes an action to make the necessary adjustments by the end of June 2012

<http://www.dh.gov.uk/health/2012/05/qof-payment-adjustments>

Repeal of section 10 (7) of Medicines Act 1968 - supplying medicines within healthcare services

The MHRA have issued a statement in advance of the

imminent repeal of section 10 (7) of the Medicines Act 1968. This change, part of wider consolidation to the Medicines Act, removes the exemption for pharmacies required to hold a Wholesale Dealer's licence for the supply of medicines other than directly to patients or members of the public.

To summarise their position, the MHRA have taken the view that "the supply of medicines by community and hospital pharmacies to other healthcare providers in the UK who need to hold stocks for treatment of, or onward supply to their patients represents an important and appropriate part of the professional practice of both community and hospital pharmacy, and falls within the definition of provision of healthcare services. In such circumstances the MHRA will not deem such transactions as commercial dealing and pharmacies will not be required to hold a Wholesale Dealer's Licence".

GPC News –April 2012

Lots of interesting articles this month. Visit our website to read this issue.

<http://www.rotherhamlmc.org/guidance.htm>

Welcome

The following Doctors are included in the local performers' list: -

Dr Fleur Rebecca Jones is now working as a Salaried GP at Crown Street Surgery.

Dr James Edward Byrne is now working as a Partner at Clifton Medical Centre.

Attendance at Meetings

Constituents are reminded that they are always welcome to attend meetings of the LMC as observers.

The Committee meets on the second Monday of every month in the Board Room at Rotherham General Hospital

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**NEXT
LMC MEETING
MONDAY
11th JUNE
COMMENCING
AT 7.30 PM**

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