

Newsletter – October 2012

Urgent Care

Dr Turner from RCCG attended the last LMC meeting to debate the definition of urgent care. As part of the 111 service specifications the LMC had already been consulted and recommended the RCGP standard of response within 48hrs. However, for urgent care there was consensus at LMC that the definition might include *assessment* of cases within the same working day, noting that this did not mean that a patient would be *seen* on the same day.

National Enhanced Service specification for pertussis vaccination of pregnant women

Practices are likely to be aware of the request that we provide pertussis vaccination to women during pregnancy.

The LMC felt that most practices would be able and willing to take this on. The main difficulty envisaged was a lack of information at practice level relating to gestational dates; we have been assured that the midwifery and antenatal service will be co-operative in passing on any information they have which may help.

Please note that although Infanrix is licensed for

Pertussis vaccination, it does not provide the same protection as provided by Repevax. As such, JCVI has only recommended Repevax for this programme, which practices can order via ImmForm.

The NES specification and further information is available on the BMA website at:

<http://bma.org.uk/practical-support-at-work/contracts/independent-contractors/pertussis-vaccination>

Crucell – flu vaccines

Crucell is an LMC Buying Group recommended supplier and we understand some practices switched to this supplier this year to take advantage of cheaper rates.

We have been informed that, following test failures, Crucell has now sent a letter to its customers confirming that they are withholding all their deliveries of the Viroflu/Inflexal flu vaccine.

Any practices affected by this are advised to contact alternative suppliers.

Crucell have offered compensation to practices. If practices are asking for further compensation then

they should write to Damien Grundy, Business Unit Manager, at Crucell, 50-100 Holmers Farm Way, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, HP12 4EG

General Practice Extraction Service

You may, or may not be aware, that QMAS is to be replaced next year. The links below provide information about the replacement; the General Practice Extraction Service and the Calculating Quality Reporting Service.

http://www.ic.nhs.uk/webfiles/Services/in%20development/gpes/GPES_Practice_Newsletter_1.pdf

<http://www.connectingforhealth.nhs.uk/systemsandservice/s/cqrs?url=http://www.connectingforhealth.nhs.uk/cqrs>

Procurement guidance

The GPC has published new guidance explaining the basics of procurement law and policy. The guidance can be found on the website:

<http://bma.org.uk/practical-support-at-work/doctors-as-managers/managing-your-practice/procurement-guidance>

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Now available on our website at: -

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

Changes to Maintaining High Professional Standards (MHPS) Policy:

Due to staffing/funding pressures there are now inadequate resources to maintain local 'Screening Groups' in Rotherham.

These will be replaced with a cluster-wide MHPS group which will consider cases from all former South Yorkshire PCT areas. In order that local experience is not lost from this group, we have ensured that the LMC will be informed when a GP from this area is due to be discussed, and will be given an opportunity to attend the meeting. An MHPS Committee will make a final decision at Cluster level and LMC representation will be invited, but not necessarily from the doctor's own LMC.

Medicines Use Review forms

On 1 September a new Medicines Use Review (MUR) feedback form was introduced, so practices may soon start receiving such forms. This form is for pharmacists to advise GPs of any issues that had been uncovered during an MUR consultation that the GP may wish to be aware of. The forms are available on the NHS Employers website:

<http://www.nhsemployers.org/SiteCollectionDocuments/M>

[UR_GP_feedback_form_mh_150512.pdf](http://www.bma.org.uk/events/2012/november/get-ahead-the-essential-gp-trainee-skills-day)

GP Trainee Skills Day

This year's GP Trainee Skills Day will take place at BMA House on Wednesday 21 November 2012. This conference is designed for junior doctors considering general practice as a career as well as those who have already started GP training.

Further details, including the conference programme and information on how to register, can be found on the BMA website via the following link:

<http://bma.org.uk/events/2012/november/get-ahead-the-essential-gp-trainee-skills-day>

Welcome

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

Dr L Briggs has been added to the NHS Rotherham Performers list with affect from 26.09.2012. She will be working as a salaried GP at St Ann's Medical Centre

Dr Navathevi Couldwell has been added to the NHS Rotherham Performers list with affect from 24.10.2012. He will be working as a salaried GP at Swallownest Health Centre.

LMC Meetings

GP 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 (except August) in the Board Room at Rotherham General Hospital

NEXT

LMC MEETING

MONDAY

12th NOVEMBER

COMMENCING

AT 7.30 PM

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