

Newsletter – March 2013

Alcohol LES

This has recently been circulated to all practices. All adults are required to be screened from April 2013. The LES is only for completed cases referred to alcohol services. Replies are required from practices by April.

This has neither been discussed nor agreed with the LMC, and we have reservations on the LES. Until these have been discussed, practices are advised only to sign-up at their own risk.

Practices as Any Qualified Providers

Many thanks to the GPs and practices that responded to our request for expressions of interest in a seminar on this subject in February's LMC newsletter. It is now likely that the LMC will provide some local advice/training at a future PLT event.

Vacancies on the LMC

There are two vacancies for the LMC which will run for the remainder of the current electoral term to 31st March 2016. Members can co-opt to these positions without the need for an election.

All eligible GPs (on the Rotherham Medical Performers List and contributing to the LMC's levies) are encouraged to consider joining the LMC.

There is an attendance fee for meetings, which are currently held on the second Monday evening of each month – but may be subject to change of time/venue depending upon member preferences for the new term.

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

Further details of the work of the LMC can be found on our website at: -

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

If you are interested in joining the LMC or would like more information about what being a committee member involves, please contact Greg Pacey at rotherhamlmc@hotmail.com or phone 07986 401764

Revalidation Guidance

The GPC have produced some guidance on revalidation to provide clarification on how they expect the process to work and to deal specifically with some of the practical questions that are arising as revalidation is implemented.

Available on our website at: -

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

GP Contract Imposition

8000 GPs in England responded to the survey and 2000 GPs attended the recent GP Contract Road Shows.

On 21 February 2013 the GPC emailed all GPs in England with their response to the Department of Health (DH) and results of the survey. The GPC's full response and the survey results can be downloaded from the GPC website at:

<http://bma.org.uk/-/media/Files/PDFs/Working%20for%20change/Negotiating%20for%20the%20profession/General%20Practitioners/GPcontractimpositionconsultationresponse>

The proposal to transfer the responsibility for locums' employer superannuation payments to practices raises serious concerns. The GPC opposes this and asks that, at least, implementation is delayed by 12 months. If pursued, the funding should be transferred to Global Sum Equivalent and PMS baselines rather than to global sum to allow a fairer distribution of funds.

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This is available on our website at: -

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

DWP Fit Note Guidance

The DWP has published revised guidance on usage of the GP fit note, here: -

<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/fitnote>

The guidance provides information on completing each section of the fit note, using case studies to illustrate different situations that may arise.

Sharps Guidance

The Health and Safety Executive are introducing new regulations in response to a new European directive on preventing sharps injuries in the healthcare sector.

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/healthservices/needlesticks/eu-directive.htm>

The HSE have not yet confirmed when the regulations will come into force, but the directive must be implemented by 11 May

2013. We advise all practices to make use of the outline of the requirements of the directive available on pages 8-9 of the Royal College of Nursing' Sharps Safety leaflet, and the employers' checklist on page 17.

http://www.rcn.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0008/418490/004135.pdf

GMS / PMS Regulations

Amendments to the GMS contract and PMS agreement regulations coming into force on 1st April 2013 have now been published. They are available here

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2013/363/contents/made>

Welcome

Dr Charlotte O'Brien has been included on the NHS Rotherham Performers List, effective from 4th February 2013. She will be working as a salaried GP at Dinnington Group.

Dr S S Chandran has become a partner at St Ann's effective from 1st February 2013.

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

8th APRIL

COMMENCING

AT 7.30 PM

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