

Newsletter – April 2013

LMC Meeting 8th April 2013

At our last meeting, members discussed and gave input into: - the decision to involve a primary care practice in covering twilight hours at the community hospital, shared care bloods and Warfarin monitoring, practices as AQPs, the new alcohol LES, GP Quality visits, Suspected DVT Protocol, Dementia Diagnosis Pathway and the backlog of domiciliary visits.

NHS 111

You may be aware that there has been some debate recently about the responsibility for follow-up of patients after NHS 111 contact.

There has been a meeting between the GPC, the National Clinical advisor for NHS 111, and the Senior Responsible Officer for NHS England and the agreed position is this:

GPs would not be responsible for calling back repeat callers who call NHS 111 three times in four days 'within one hour'. Instead, it is expected that all CCGs will commission GPs on behalf of local 111 services to be available to take these calls and provide urgent telephone assessments where necessary. Until this additional capacity has been

commissioned, patients will be responsible for calling their GP within one hour, and practices will be able to use their own standard procedures for determining if patients require an urgent assessment.

Fees Guidance

The BMA fees guidance is available on the BMA website, including a list of which forms GPs have to fill in for free and which forms would come under the heading of collaborative arrangements.

<http://bma.org.uk/practical-support-at-work/pay-fees-allowances/fees>

Local Contractual Payments from April 2013

These will now come from NCB, Public Health, CCG and property services. Contacts provided to us are:

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GP contract imposition survival guide

The GPC is developing a 'survival guide' for practices and GPs to help guide them through the contract imposition. Parts of this guidance are already available on the BMA website at: -

<http://bma.org.uk/practical-support-at-work/contracts/gp-contract-survival-guide>

Further guidance will be published over the next few weeks so keep an eye on their website.

Changes to locum pensions arrangements

This GPC guide includes guidance for locums and practices regarding the changes to locum pensions arrangements. It is important that locums and practices understand the changes. In particular, it is important to note that though the locum will make the payments for the employer's contributions, it is the responsibility of the practice to fund this payment.

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

Rotherham LMC Buying Group

All Rotherham GP Practice Managers received an email communication announcing the launch of the Rotherham LMC Buying Group from 1st May 2011. Since then we know that some Rotherham practices are already using Buying Group suppliers for office supplies, medical consumables and insurance (MIAB, Midi-Meds, Shred-it and Whittakers) but are you aware of the other deals on offer? And for those practices who have never used the Buying Group, you are missing out on saving thousands of pounds a year by not switching suppliers.

In the midst of the recession, when practices are already suffering the effects of several years without any significant uplift in NHS income, we hope that this is providing money saving initiative.

Any practices requiring further copies of the distributed information, can download this from the *Buying Group* section of our website as follows:

- Announcing the Launch of the Rotherham LMC Buying Group
http://www.rotherhamlmc.org/Buying_Group/Buying%20Group%20Launch.pdf
- Factsheet
http://www.rotherhamlmc.org/Buying_Group/Buying%20Group%20Factsheet.pdf
- Joining Form
http://www.rotherhamlmc.org/Buying_Group/Buying%20Group%20Joining%20Form.doc

GPC News

The March edition of GPC News is now available on our website. In particular, we draw your attention to the advice contained in the articles on 'official lease documentation for practices in PCT-owned premises' and **display energy certificates**.

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

The Buying Group's approved supplier for building and environmental surveys, ASI Environmental, have now added DEC's to the portfolio of services they can offer Buying Group practices. The prices they are offering practices are 50% less than what they would charge non-Buying Group customers. All prices include a full Assessment, Lodging of Display Energy Certificates and Advisories. ASI Environmental can be contacted via telephone or email: 0800 161 3384 or enquiries@asi-surveys.co.uk.

To ensure they get the discounted price the practice need to mention they are a member of the LMC Buying Group.

Study leave guidance for GP Trainees

Study leave enables trainees to direct their own learning, meet their educational needs as set out in their personal development plan, and cover the wide range of knowledge and skills required by the RCGP curriculum.

This guidance note has been produced to provide GP trainees with the information they require for a broad understanding of their

entitlements to study leave and how the process works.

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

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
13th MAY
COMMENCING
AT 7.30 PM**

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