

Newsletter – May 2013

LMC Meeting 13th May 2013

At our last meeting, members met Michael Morgan, Interim Chief Executive at Rotherham Hospital. We spoke in particular about handover arrangements for patients discharged into primary care. Mr Morgan was surprised by some of the feedback and offered to hear directly about any particular GP concerns on this subject via the 'Dear Michael'; route at: -

michael.morgan@rothgen.nhs.uk

We also met with Dr Ian Turner from the CCG and talked about two issues: -

- 1) GP quality visits and the possibility of arranging a pilot GP mentoring scheme for outliers.
- 2) Unscheduled care review consultation. The LMC were to be consulted on pathway design once the public consultation was completed and the detailed proposals worked-up.

Proposals for delivery of Midwifery Service

TRFT have plans for all midwives to move to entering all data on SystmOne (some midwives currently use practice EMIS systems), change the way patients

enter the service, standardise communication back to practices about patients contacts with midwives, midwives taking responsibility for bloods results in pregnancy and consolidation (i.e. reduction) of the number of midwife run clinics across Rotherham. A three month pilot has been suggested. Please forward any comments to Dr Julie Kitlowski at: -

julie.kitlowski@nhs.net

Public Health and referral of CVD risk assessments.

CVD risk assessment reviews by Rotherham Public Health have been circulated to each practice. It was suggested that practices scrutinise the figures and report any problems to the LMC as there were considered to be inaccuracies in the data.

Working together to safeguard children

Practices are reminded of the new guidelines for safeguarding children, which can be downloaded from our website by following the link below.

In particular, your attention is drawn to Page 51 which reads '*GP practices should*

have a lead and deputy lead for safeguarding, who should work closely with named GPs'.

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

GPC News

The April edition of GPC News is now available on our website.

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

Changes to the quality and outcomes framework (QOF)

Upper Thresholds: Guidance can be downloaded from the GPC website at:

<http://bma.org.uk/practical-support-at-work/contracts/gp-contract-survival-guide/survival-guide-qof-increase-in-upper-thresholds>

Removal of Organisational Domain.

Most of the organisational indicators have been removed. Guidance can be downloaded from the GPC website at:

<http://bma.org.uk/practical-support-at-work/contracts/gp-contract-survival-guide/survival-guide-qof-removal-of-organisational-domain>

GPC Sessional GPs Subcommittee election

The 2013 election for the GPC Sessional GPs Subcommittee is currently underway. Voting packs were sent out on Tuesday 23 April to all UK locum and salaried GPs, members and non-members, who are registered with the BMA database. These packs contain both a hard copy of the ballot and a code that will allow voters the opportunity to complete the ballot online.

If any sessional GPs have not yet received a voting pack, they should contact the BMA Membership Department to update their details. The election closes on 30 May 2013, so prospective voters must be sure to contact Membership by **Tuesday 21 May 2013** at the latest to ensure they have enough time to receive and return a ballot paper.

Further information on the election and a link to updating Membership records can be found here: <http://bma.org.uk/sessionalgpselections>

Changes to Meningitis C Vaccination Programme

The Department of Health (DH) has announced that there will be some changes to the current vaccination schedule for Meningitis C, namely that the second dose, currently given at four months, will be replaced by a booster dose given in adolescence.

The initial change will be to cease giving the four month dose as from 1 June 2013, and from mid-August 2014, there will also be a catch-up programme for first time

university entrants under the age of 25 years.

A detailed letter was sent to practices on 7th May 2013, a copy of which can be downloaded at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/197618/MenC_letter_FINAL.pdf

Welcome

Dr Uday Idukallu, who is at present a salaried GP at the surgery, is joining the partnership of Dr Patel & Partners at Broom Lane Medical Centre.

He will join on 1 May 2013 taking the partnership up to seven partners.

Extension of the pertussis vaccination programme for Pregnant women

The DH has announced the extension of the Pertussis vaccination programme for pregnant women for a further 6 months and a letter to this effect was sent to practices on 10th May 2013. A copy of the letter can be downloaded at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/197839/130510_Pertussis_continuation_letter_FINAL.pdf

Information about the original National Enhanced Service (NES), published in October 2012, is available on the BMA website at:

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

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
10th JUNE
COMMENCING
AT 7.30 PM**

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