

Newsletter – November 2013

LMC Meeting 11th November 2013

At our last meeting we discussed AQP proposals, CAMHS service levels, whether to support a 'one nursing home one bed' proposal (Sheffield have a LES for this), plans for the unscheduled care centre and various pathways including DVT and Premenopausal Ovarian Cyst.

GP Contract Changes 2014-15

Main points to the recent announcement are: -

QOF will be reduced by 341 points, of which 238 will be transferred to core funding and 103 to Enhanced Services.

Seniority will be removed over a six-year period, with a redistribution of released funds to all practices as an addition to core funding.

The introduction of a new Enhanced Service on unplanned admissions.

Three of the four imposed Enhanced Services from 2013-2014 will be removed.

New IT systems requirements will be introduced, including the ability for patients to book appointments online and

access their Summary Care Record

Every patient aged 75 and older will be assigned a named accountable GP to ensure coordinated care.

NHS Health Checks

You should now have received details of the revised local programme from the Director of Public Health. The LMC support general practice being central to the approach in Rotherham and the aim is to offer checks for everyone aged 40-74 every five years.

This has implications for how the service operates and this will need to be renegotiated with the LMC for the financial year 2014-15 on how to take this forward to achieve the 20% annual screening target.

In the meantime payments have been extended to second checks up to 45% £10 per check, and over 45% £24.20 from 1st October 2013 up to a maximum of 20% of the total practice population per year.

AQP and Federations

Further to our seminar on 16th October we have now circulated a brief surveymonkey questionnaire to gauge interest across Rotherham for a federated

practice approach to bidding for work.

The LMC will then assess demand and, if viable, identify individual Practice Managers and / or GPs who wish to come forward and manage the process. We have lined up a solicitor and an NHS consultant who are experienced in these matters and can support the federation if necessary.

Local enhanced services

During 2012-13, NHS England guidance stated that all existing local enhanced service contracts should be extended into 2013-14, in order to provide stability during the transition period as PCTs transferred commissioning responsibility to CCGs. The guidance recommended that the contracts be extended with a six month review clause, so that CCGs, if they wished, could choose to change or decommission services during the current commissioning cycle.

In addition, all local enhanced services (now referred to as community-based services) commissioned by CCGs would need to be contracted using the NHS Standard contract from April 2014. NHS England guidance on the transitional arrangements for commissioning of

community-based services can be found on the NHS England website.

As such, many CCGs are reviewing current LES contracts and making decisions about services to be commissioned for 2014-15, using the NHS Standard Contract. In anticipation, we would urge all practices to read the GPC FAQs on the NHS Standard Contract.

<http://bma.org.uk/practical-support-at-work/commissioning/nhs-standard-contract-faqs>

Firearms Licencing

The BMA has been consulting on medical involvement in the firearms licensing process in England with the Home Office and other stakeholders for some time. In the interim, the BMA has issued detailed guidance *What is a doctor's involvement in the firearms licencing process?* This guidance covers:

- Doctors duty to breach confidentiality;
- Post-grant letter sent to GPs;
- Counter signing/referee.

The guidance can be accessed via the BMA website at:

<http://bma.org.uk/practical-support-at-work/ethics/firearms>

GPC News

The latest edition of GPC news can be found on our website here:-

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

Electronic Prescription Service

You may be aware that Electronic Prescription Service (EPS) is being rolled out gradually.

There are very specific rules about nomination of pharmacies by patients and the NHS England/HSCIC advice sheet will alert you and your local pharmacies to the service criteria. This can be downloaded from our website at:-

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

BMA Web Pages

The GPC have re-organised their website and have made information for GPs more accessible by grouping guidance on the web pages:-

<http://bma.org.uk/gp/practices>

Performers List Changes

Dr Yogesh Bhimpuria has been removed from the Medical Performers List with effect from 31st October 2013.

Dr Kathryn Carter has changed status from locum to that of salaried GP. She commenced work at St Ann's Medical Centre, on 1 October 2013.

Dr Marie Purcell completed Vocational Training and has been appointed as a salaried GP at The Market Surgery, Wath upon Dearne on 7 October 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
9th DECEMBER
COMMENCING
AT 7.30 PM**

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If you have any questions or agenda items, or wish to submit articles

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