



Newsletter – December 2013



MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM YOUR LMC!!

LMC Meeting 9th December 2013

At our last LMC meeting we discussed a range of issues including; DVT pathway, CCG-commissioned primary care, COPD pathway, winter surge plan (including local buddying arrangements), public health performance information (inc. IUCDs) and proposals for a shared care scheme.

Alcohol LES

It appears that very few practices are claiming for their alcohol screening. RMBC Public Health are sitting on piles of money trying to give them to practices! This leaves the impression that if the claims are not being made then maybe practices are not doing the work. This could go out to tender if we aren't careful!

Ideas for funding

We have been informed there is some money available for non-recurrent funding before the financial year-end. Possible areas suggested by the CCG for funding are for equipment and training.

Please contact the CCG if you wish to put forward ideas from your practice.

Christmas Opening

LMC Chairman writes: -

As usual every year we are being urged not to provide anything other than a normal service. It seems that there are fears over A&E departments being overrun with primary care problems on Christmas Eve. Those of you who are now "elder statesmen" will remember those days covering Christmas Day and Boxing Day on-calls and I am sure you will agree with me that "Dayus Horribilis" was always Boxing Day!

At the SY&B NHS Area Team meeting with LMCs last week it was suggested that General Practices perform an audit of attendees and those collecting prescriptions etc. during Christmas Eve. These audits could be used to argue what we already know - it's usually dead quiet after lunch! If you are willing to assist, just e-mail us some rough figures from approx 2.00pm on Christmas eve. An Excel Worksheet would be even better!

As your representative at Area Team I pointed out that

the majority of us comply with our provision of essential services and maintain our core hours. I am irritated by the fact that the very few that do not do this taint Bank Holidays for the rest of us.

Contract changes 2014/15

The GPC has produced a series of answers to common questions on aspects of the negotiated contract changes for 2014/15, including issues such as seniority, publication of earnings and practice boundaries. Click the link here:-

<http://bma.org.uk/news-views-analysis/general-practice-contract/gp-contract-faqs>

Performers List Changes

Dr Anna Cooper has resigned from the Medical Performers List of NHS England on 5/11/2013.

Flu vaccinations for staff and GPs.

It has been confirmed at a recent meeting of South Yorkshire LMCs that occupational health don't have facilities to provide this, so staff could be vaccinated at their own practices as temporary residents and costs claimed back from the Area Team.

Recommended flu vaccination for children at risk

One of the concerns that practices and LMCs have brought up with the GPC was the contradictory advice given regarding flu vaccine for at-risk children and that practices were recommended to use Fluenz for these patients. The Department of Health (England) has now confirmed that IF a practice gives the intramuscular inactivated flu vaccine to children in the at-risk group (not contraindicated) because this was what was available in the practice, this would be acceptable as an alternative to Fluenz.

Data Collection

There is no uniform data collection form for patients who are vaccinated outside their GP practice and it appears that a variety of methods are being used to notify GP practices of those vaccinated. This has been highlighted to the Area Team by the LMC and we anticipate that there will be a South Yorkshire wide data collection form for next year.

GP Trainees Newsletter

The latest newsletter is available by clicking the link here: -

<http://bma.org.uk/working-for-change/negotiating-for-the-profession/bma-general-practitioners-committee/committee/gp-trainees-subcommittee>

SAVE THE DATE!!

“Securing the future of general practice in South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw”

A conference organised by the South Yorkshire and Nottinghamshire LMCs with support from the NHS England South Yorkshire & Bassetlaw Area Team.

**Thursday 27 February
2014
12.15pm-4.45pm
New York Stadium,
Rotherham**

Topics include:

- ☐ *General practice at a crossroads (which way forward?)”*
- ☐ *The “Call to Action” and NHS England’s Strategic Framework for General Practice*
- ☐ *Creating collaborative organisations*
- ☐ *Understanding the implications of recent changes to the GMS contract*

This event is for GPs and practice managers represented by Sheffield, Barnsley, Rotherham, Doncaster and Nottinghamshire LMCs. Lunch is included and there is no charge to attend this event but places are limited so register your interest by emailing amy.bolton@nottslmc.co.uk.

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 JANUARY
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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