

Newsletter – February 2014

LMC Meeting 10th February 2014

At our last LMC meeting we discussed a range of issues including; the urgent care centre, pharmaceutical waste, winter surge plan, and proposals for changes to the shared care scheme,

“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

This event is for GPs and Practice Managers represented by Rotherham, Sheffield, Barnsley, Doncaster and Nottinghamshire LMCs. Lunch is included and there is no charge to attend this event but places are limited so please register your interest by emailing

amy.bolton@nottslmc.co.uk

Vacancies on the LMC

Following the resignation of Dr Clitherow to take up a role at the SCE, there is a

vacancy on 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.

There is an attendance fee for meetings, which are currently held on the second Monday evening of each month except August.

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

PMS Reviews

At a recent PLT event, the Area Team gave a presentation to Rotherham practices alleging that PMS

practices will lose the money released by the reduced QOF points as there was no guidance to put it into baseline. This has caused much disquiet amongst practices.

We have contacted the GPC about this and *Richard Vautrey at the GPC noted of the Area Team - "They are wrong in that none of the transferred money will be lost. It will inflate global sum weighted pounds per patient in GMS practices and this will inflate the comparative baseline for PMS practices. However PMS practices will lose money from their "PMS Premium" - the money identified by NHS England that is being paid to PMS practices in excess of GMS practices"*.

NHS England has in fact identified £325m of "premium" PMS expenditure. This is the amount by which PMS expenditure exceeds the equivalent items of GMS expenditure. The premium will reduce to £235m over 7 years as GMS correction factor funding is phased out and global sum funding increases. Further information available here:

<http://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/lett-adir-pms-rev1.pdf>

<http://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/rev-pms-cont.pdf>

The Area Team has two years from April 2014 to review their local PMS contracts, to ensure that funds are spent appropriately. The LMC are there to support practices in ensuring the process is managed fairly.

Catch-up Screening for immunisation

The LMC has mixed feelings about this proposal, as the £1.50 per patient offer for parts 3 and 4 does not cover postage / admin costs and so any practice signing up for this deal may lose money on it. Therefore practices need to consider carefully the financial impact.

Public Health Contracts

The LMC have been informed that the standard public health contract from the Department of Health will be used for public health contracts. One of the key points of difference was the level of public liability (£10m) and employers' liability (£5m) per practice for all public health contracts. Practices should take note that they can meet these insurance requirements, contained within the 80 page+ documentation.

Election of Regional GPC Representative

The Barnsley / Doncaster / Rotherham /Sheffield regional seat on the BMA's General Practitioners Committee is up for re-election this year.

Full details including the election pack and nomination form, can be found here:

www.bma.org.uk/gpcelections

The closing date for nominations is **5pm Thursday 6 March.**

GPC News

The February edition is available to read on our website at: -

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

BMA 2014 research grants

BMA Research Grants exceeding £500,000 are awarded annually. Applications are invited from medical practitioners and/or research scientists, for research in progress or prospective research.

The 2014 research grants are now available to apply for online on the BMA website. The application deadline is **14 March 2014 at 5pm.**

For more information on the grants please see the BMA website or telephone 020 7383 6755

Performers List Changes

Dr Krishna Vardhan Kasaraneni has completed Vocational Training on 29th January 2014. He has been appointed as a Partner at Crown Street Surgery Swinton from 3rd February 2014.

Dr Kameshwar Prasad has retired from Treeton Medical Centre from 1st January 2014.

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 MARCH**

**COMMENCING
AT 7.30 PM**

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