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NEWSFLASH!!

Save the date for the CQC meeting on June 12th

Find out more about CQC registration directly from the CQC on the evening of June 12th. Further details will follow, but this will be a meeting not to miss for both GP's and Practice Managers. This is a joint meeting between Salford & Trafford and Manchester LMC's

NEW GMC GUIDANCE

The GMC has published two new pieces of guidance which they hope will contribute to a culture change within the health service - where raising and acting on concerns becomes part of every day practise in the UK.

The first, **Raising and acting on concerns about patient safety**, makes clear that doctors have a duty to act when they believe patient safety is at risk, or when a patient's care or dignity is being compromised. The guidance explains when doctors need to raise concerns and advises on the help and support available to them, including how to tackle any barriers that they may face.

Doctors also have responsibility for the safety and well being of patients when performing non-clinical duties. New guidance **Leadership and management for all doctors** has also been issued aimed at helping doctors understand their responsibilities in relation to employment issues; teaching and training; as well as planning, using and managing resources.

For links to the documentation please go to the GMC website http://www.gmc-uk.org/guidance/news_consultation/11844.asp

BMA RESEARCH GRANTS

The BMA was among the first of the professional bodies to award grants and prizes to encourage and further medical research. Today, around ten research grants are administered under the auspices of the Board of Science, all funded by legacies left to the BMA. Grants totalling approximately £500,000 are awarded annually. Applications are invited from medical practitioners and/or research scientists and are for either research in progress or prospective research.

The 2012 research grants are now available to apply for online on the BMA website – www.bma.org.uk The application deadline is 16 March 2012 at 5pm .

Subject specifications for each grant vary. For example, in 2012, research areas range from rheumatism and arthritis, cardiovascular disease and cancer to the uptake of preventative measures and the use of information and communication technologies in

medicine. For more information on the grants on offer in 2012 and details of how to apply, please see:

www.bma.org.uk/researchgrants

Please disseminate this information as widely as possible, in particular to any potential applicants.

MEETING THE TARGET FOR HOSPITAL DISCHARGES

Primary and secondary care organisations in Salford started using PCTI's EDT Hub to send GPs discharge summaries and are now using it for other clinical correspondence as well. All Greater Manchester CCGs recently agreed to implement this solution across the conurbation.

<http://www.ehi.co.uk/insight/analysis/834/ehi-focus-on:-edt-hub-in-salford>

MEDICAL REPORTS FOR INSURANCE COMPANIES - SARS

In March 2010, the ABI and British Medical Association agreed a fee of £97 for GP medical reports and to provide a report within 21 days. The agreement expired in March 2011 and was not renewed. It would appear that a number of insurers became frustrated paying £97 without getting a guarantee on turn-round times. This included Legal & General who have started to use what is called a subject access request (SAR), where a client can ask their GP for access to their full medical records for £10, (if their information is held **solely** in electronic form) or to a maximum of £50. If you receive such a request it needs to be returned within 40 days, as a maximum, or you will be in breach of the Data Protection Act. For further information please see FAQs from Legal and General found on our website, under latest news. Link to our website here

www.salfordandtraffordlmc.org.uk

YOUR NHS PENSION MATTERS

A must attend event for all Doctors – Thursday 15th March 2012 at the Village Hotel in Bury 7.15pm. Places are limited so book now.

Who better to ask about NHS Pensions than the acknowledged expert Dr Andrew Dearden? Chairman BMA Pensions Committee, BMA Treasurer and a GP in Cardiff

This event is relevant to all age groups, from doctors earning retirement to those in their late twenties who must act now to avoid working to a state retirement age of 68 or older.

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WHAT'S UP DOC!

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