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Up & Coming Events

Bite – size seminar
“Strength in Numbers - protecting the future and income in your practice.”

June 13th, 12.30-2.30pm
at Sam Platts

BYE BYE, AND HELLO!

After 15 years we wave goodbye to Dr Ravi Mene. Dr Mene is reducing his commitments to General Practice and to his outside work as he aims for retirement in the not too distant future. We thank him for his work for the LMC on behalf of his colleagues and look forward to making a presentation to him at our meeting of the Trafford subcom on May 22nd....

We are delighted to announce our new Executive structure, which from 1st May 2013 will be:

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MMR CATCH UP CAMPAIGN

At the time of sending this newsletter all the details of the campaign are not yet finalised. As soon as all the details are in place we will send information out by email to all our practices.

NEW GUIDANCE FROM THE GMC - THIS TIME FOR BOTH PATIENTS AND DOCTORS!

A new guide for patients setting out what they should expect from their doctor has been published by the General Medical Council (GMC).

The new guide [What to expect from your doctor: a guide for patients](#) is based on the GMC's updated core guidance for doctors - [Good medical practice](#). It explains the key duties of a doctor and how patients can help to create a good relationship with their doctor and get the most out of their consultations and treatments.

The guide, *What to expect from your doctor*, sets out:

- The duties of a doctor to be honest and open if things go wrong and to make patient care their first concern
- The importance of dignity and respect in the patient-doctor relationship
- The standard of conduct, knowledge and skills that patients should receive from their doctor

The updated guidance for doctors makes clear that their responsibility goes beyond providing good clinical treatment – the doctor must take a lead role in making sure that patients receive high quality compassionate care.

A range of materials for doctors has been launched, including new interactive case studies, relevant fitness to practise examples and a mobile version of the guidance for smart phones.

[What to expect from your doctor: a guide for patients](#) is available online or as a short booklet.

The GMC published [Good medical practice](#) on 25 March alongside eight pieces of explanatory guidance which show how the principles in GMP apply in practice. They are:

- Acting as a witness in legal proceedings
- Delegation and referral
- Doctors' use of social media (new guidance)
- Ending your professional relationship with a patient
- Financial and commercial arrangements and conflicts of interest
- Maintaining boundaries (now as three separate pieces):
 - Intimate examinations and chaperones
 - Maintaining a professional boundary between you and your patient
 - Sexual behaviour and your duty to report

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Read more information on [Good medical practice](#).

For more information see www.gmc-uk.org.

CQC - REPORTING OF DEATHS

Are you aware of the need under your CQC obligations to report deaths under Outcome 18 as follows -

(2) Subject to paragraph (4), where the service provider is a health service body, the registered person must notify the Commission of the death of a service user where the death—

(a) occurred—

(i) whilst services were being provided in the carrying on of a regulated activity, or

(ii) as a consequence of the carrying on of a regulated activity; and

(b) cannot, in the reasonable opinion of the registered person, be attributed to the course which that service user's illness or medical condition would naturally have taken if that service user was receiving appropriate care or treatment.

PENSION PROBLEMS FACING PRACTICES; LOCUMS QUESTIONS ABOUT THE NEW GP CONTRACT, NEW QOF ARRANGEMENTS, OR PRACTICE FINANCE?

For comprehensive information on all changes affecting practices and finance we would strongly suggest checking out the BMA website –

<http://bma.org.uk/practical-support-at-work/contracts/gp-contract-survival-guide>

The situation is very complex and they explain it well.

FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR PREMISES (and for costs of properties transferring to NHS Property Services Ltd and Community Health Partnerships Ltd in 2013-14)

The attached letter covers premises payments. It confirms a continuation of payments, but with a caveat of potential increase in rent for those in premises previously owned by PCTs.



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We are seeking additional guidance on this from GPC, but in the meantime we would advise any of our practices that occupy premises that used to be owned by a PCT not to sign a new lease without seeking legal advice and contacting this LMC as well. We are watching this issue carefully as we don't want to see practices being 'encouraged' to sign up to leases with no link to rent reimbursement. This issue is also of concern to DR solicitors, who are dealing with a number of these leases.

HOW TO REPORT AN OFFENSIVE COMMENT TO FACEBOOK...

What would you do if a patient of yours puts an offensive comment about you, or your practice on Facebook?

If you are unfortunate enough to be in this situation the following link may prove helpful to you..

http://www.ehow.com/how_8481211_report-offensive-comment-facebook.html

STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

- protecting the future and income in your practice

We have grave concerns for our local practices in the light of the change in both the system and the law which will require much of GP additional income to be put out to tender. We are deeply concerned that if practices don't get together in some other way to look after each other and themselves they will be overtaken by the twin powers of Foundation Trusts and commercial providers.

So, how to do this – there are a variety of different models emerging around the country. Most of these involve delivering new services through contracts which require some element of joint working. The question is how do practices make this happen, and what would work best for you?

Come along to our FREE seminar – part of our BITE SIZE series (for all Salford and Trafford practices) delivered by DR solicitors, who are

legal advisors to the Medical Profession. This will be held on Thursday 13th June at Sam Platts, Trafford Wharf Road, Old Trafford, M17 1EX 12.30-2.30pm with a light lunch from 12 noon. To apply please contact LMC.office@trafford.nhs.uk or call 873 9559 and speak to Kerrie.

“INTELLIGENT FINANCE” MEETING.

Nearly 60 people attended the first of our “bite-size” seminars entitled “Intelligent Finance” on Wednesday April 24th. We are grateful to Hilary Sharpe and Morag Miller of BDO, for their presentations which covered:

- 1. A look at the current NHS commissioning landscape**
- 2. Cashflow and profit forecasting**
 - a. Profit forecasting / budgeting
 - b. Maximising profits
 - c. Controlling Expenses
 - d. Cashflow forecasts
 - e. Managing drawings
- 3. The Future**
 - a. Alternative sources of income
 - b. Practice structures and mergers

All of which were designed to encourage practices to consider their financial strategies closely.

If you would like a copy of the slides from the day please email lmc.office@trafford.nhs.uk

DON'T GET IN TROUBLE - GET IN TOUCH

Using your LMC can be like having a bigger brother in the playground with you. We have many statutory roles, areas where the management structure of the NHS need to consult with us. In that capacity we may represent a single GP or all GPs in the locality. We also work to assist individual GPs in relation to their contract with the contracting body (until recently PCTs but now NHS England North West Area Team, with input from CCGs), in relation to stresses they are experiencing with their partnership or staffing difficulties – the list goes on.

If we can't help you we can usually signpost you to someone who can. We have dealt with many, many personal issues over the years – we don't get shocked, we don't judge you, and we will do our absolute best to ensure we try to assist you.

So don't get in trouble – get in touch!

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