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Up & Coming Events

CQC Event June 12th

Hough End Centre

Mauldeth Rd West,
Chorlton Cum Hardy

M21 7SX

7pm – 9pm (food
available from 6pm)

Guidance on changes to the Royal College of Nursing, Nurse Indemnity Scheme

In January 2012, the Royal College of Nursing (RCN) made changes to its nurse indemnity scheme. RCN members currently working in GP practices no longer receive indemnity as part of their membership benefits.

The GPC recently wrote to the three Medical Defence Organisations (MDOs) to ask them for their advice following the announcement from the RCN. The three MDOs have responded to these changes in slightly different ways and their responses have been summarised below.

GPs are advised to check their indemnity arrangements to ensure that work carried out by their practice nurses and all practice staff is appropriately covered.

GPs should also note the following:

- The Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) advises that all registered nurses should have professional indemnity insurance and that while employers have vicarious liability cover 'it is the individual's responsibility to establish their insurance status and take appropriate action'.
- ALL nurses are advised to retain their membership of the RCN or similar organisation to support them in any non-indemnity issues, including claims made against them by the NMC.

Advice from the Medical and Dental Defence Union of Scotland (MDDUS)

- Nurses employed by members of MDDUS are vicariously indemnified by the GP's practice group cover.
- MDDUS "does not envisage a major change in the level of cover" for GPs following the RCN's changes. This will be reviewed periodically depending on any change in claim levels.

Advice from the Medical Defence Union (MDU)

- Doctors covered by MDU have vicarious indemnity for any nurse (in an extended role or not) in their practice.
- This provision does not protect nurses against whom specific claims of negligence are made, and as with the other MDOs, nurses are advised to take out their own indemnity cover.

Advice from the Medical Protection Society (MPS)

- GPs are required to ensure that all clinical staff employed by the practice have their own indemnity arrangements.
- The MPS's indemnity for nurses is task-based: Nurses working in an 'extended' capacity (e.g. contraceptive implant insertion, holding diabetes clinics) within practices covered by MPS are unlikely to be included in a GP's group indemnity cover.

Nurses carrying out non extended roles are likely to be covered by practice's indemnity.
- Practices employing nurses in an extended role are therefore strongly advised to ensure that appropriate indemnity arrangements have been made.

Patient choice scheme guidance

Further set of guidance on Choice of GP, covering outer practice boundaries, open and closed lists and aspects of the Patient Choice Scheme which apply to all PCTs not just those participating in the Scheme, was published on the DH website. The link is <http://www.dh.gov.uk/health/2012/04/patient-choice-guidance/>.

Challenge Gary Initiative

Not convinced the LMC Buying Group can save your practice money? Well why not challenge their procurement consultant Gary Burns to do just that!

The LMC Buying Groups Federation's initiative - '**Challenge Gary**' - aims to show member practices how much money they could save just by swapping to buying group suppliers.

In 2011 alone, Gary demonstrated £250,000 in potential savings to practices who took part in the Challenge Gary analysis.

The initiative offers member practices a **free cost analysis** which demonstrates how much they could save and if Gary can't save your practice money we will enter you into a free prize draw to win **£50 of M&S vouchers**.

All people have to do is [email forGary](#) and detail which areas you want him to analyse:

You can view details of each supplier by clicking on any of the highlighted links below.

- [Business Waste Collection Services](#)
- [Confidential Information Shredding](#)
- [Digital Dictation Software](#)
- [Flu Vaccines](#)
- [GP Practice Websites](#)
- [Locum and Surgery Insurance Brokers](#)
- [Medical Consumables and Equipment](#)

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Example: This mid-sized practice asked Gary Burns to analyse their spend in five areas:

Product/Service	Buying Group Saving	Annual Saving	Buying Group Supplier
Office Stationery	18%	£535	Whittaker Office Solutions
Medical Consumables	15%	£705	MidMeds
Equipment Calibration	43%	£387	TAG Medical
Electricity	43%	£2,472	Untied Utilities
Gas	21%	£302	Untied Utilities

TOTAL SAVINGS: £4,401

Practices are under no obligation to buy from the suppliers he recommends. But we would urge practices not to use our deals as a bargaining ploy to obtain better terms from rival suppliers as in the long run this is self defeating. By sticking together and adopting the deals the Buying Group has negotiated, all practices stand to benefit more in future as our collective bargaining power, and our value as a client group, increases year on year. Remember, the LMC Buying Group saving you time and effort as well as money by doing the 'shopping around' for you.

If you have not used the LMC Buying Group before and you cannot find your username and password please do get in touch and we will be happy to assist you. The LMC Buying Group discounts are only available to practices that pay their LMC levy.

Giggle of the day!

See Hyprocituses health guide link below. Thank you to BMA news for allowing us to publish the following item.

<http://web2.bma.org.uk/nrezine.nsf/wd/BSKN-8TUEBG?OpenDocument&C=5+May+2012>

CQC Registration of practices

The LMCs of Manchester, Salford and Trafford are hosting an event for GPs and Practice Managers on Tuesday 12th June 2012, 7 — 9 pm (food served from 6 pm) To be held at The Hough End Centre, Mauldeth Road West, Chorlton-Cum-Hardy, Manchester M21 7SX

All GP Practices will need to be registered with CQC by 1st April 2013 (with the formal process commencing from mid 2012) so ensure your practice is represented at the event, to learn of the requirements

Speakers are Julia Denham and Sue Easton from CQC.

Lynn Cordock, Practice Manager of a former PCT run practice, will be available to answer questions on her experience of CQC registration.

Spaces are limited so book your space early!

Email LMC.office@salford.nhs.uk or call 0161 212/6511/6510

Revised guidance to help GPs with CQC registration

The BMA's General Practitioners Committee (GPC) has launched revised guidance to help guide GPs through registration with the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

The GPC launched a CQC toolkit in 2011 amidst concerns from GPs about the burdensome nature of the registration process. Since then registration has been delayed by a year to April 2013 and changes have been made to the process itself.

The new guidance takes these changes into account. It is intended to help GPs decide if they are compliant with the CQC's essential standards and provides an easy explanation of the process and what happens once they are registered.

The guidance is available here:

http://www.bma.org.uk/employmentandcontracts/independent_contractors/cqcreg.jsp

Course Launched by the RCGP

The Royal College of General Practitioners is now launching the Certificate in Detection, Diagnosis and Management of Hepatitis B and C in Primary Care Part 2 course. The aim of this course is to build on the Part 1 certificate and to further increase primary care clinicians' confidence in this area, through the establishment of a cadre of viral hepatitis champions - skilled in assessing hepatitis, monitoring treatment, managing side effects and potentially developing local services for the community management of hepatitis B and C in collaboration with colleagues in secondary care.

For more details about the course, please visit

http://www.rcgp.org.uk/substance_misuse/hepatitis_b_and_c.aspx#Part2

Salford & Trafford LMC welcomes a new member & Exec members

We are pleased to welcome Dr J (Jim) McGuigan from the Sides Medical Centre who is our new Salford Member. He joins Dr A Salim, Dr A Ahuja, Dr B Williams, Dr J Walton, Dr M Yates , Dr P Bishop, Dr V Raj, Dr V Joshi & Dr G Patel on the Salford Subcommittee. Trafford members who sit on the Trafford subcommittee are: Dr C Westwood; Dr K Kuna; Dr I Maclean; Dr R Mene; Dr A Freeman; Dr C Kelman & Dr H Marsden.

We are also pleased to welcome both Dr Mhairi Yates and Dr Jenny Walton to the Executive of Salford and Trafford LMC. They have together taken on the mantle of Joint Honorary Secretary with special responsibility for Salford – working with Dr Ravi Mene who holds the same position in Trafford; Dr Iain Maclean who is the deputy chair with special responsibilities for Trafford & Dr Girish Patel who is the Treasurer with special responsibilities for Salford. Mhairi and Jenny were elected unopposed at our recent Salford & Trafford subcommittees. Dr Nigel Hyams was given a presentation and farewell speeches on his last meeting as Chair and Dr Girish Patel thanked him for “all that he has done for the LMC” for his colleagues in Salford and Trafford and for the health of the local population.