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GENERAL PRACTICE FORWARD VIEW (GPFV): SUPPORTING SHEFFIELD GPs – NATIONAL & LOCAL UPDATES

Following the citywide meeting on Thursday 8 June 2017, we are taking the time to reflect on the information presented and, of particular importance, the issues raised in the Q&A session. The intention was always for a follow-up event to be arranged to address the key themes that came out of this first meeting. More information will follow shortly.

In the meantime, we would like to thank all GPs and Practice Managers who took the time to attend, as well as Alastair Bradley, Vice Chair, Sheffield LMC, Katrina Cleary, Programme Director of Primary Care, Sheffield Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Andy Hilton, Chief Executive, Primary Care Sheffield (PCS) for their presentations and for ensuring that we are all up-to-date on local successes, challenges and the main issues requiring continuing debate. We would like to express particular thanks to Richard Vautrey, Deputy Chair of the General Practitioners Committee (GPC), for taking time out of his busy schedule to update us on the GPFV and related issues from a national perspective. Presentations from the event are available as follows:

- Richard Vautrey, GPC: <http://www.sheffield-lmc.org.uk/website/IGP217/files/GPFV%208-6-17%20GPC%20Presentation.pdf>
- Alastair Bradley, LMC: <http://www.sheffield-lmc.org.uk/website/IGP217/files/GPFV%208-6-17%20LMC%20Presentation.pdf>
- Katrina Cleary, CCG: <http://www.sheffield-lmc.org.uk/website/IGP217/files/GPFV%208-6-17%20CCG%20Presentation.pdf>
- Andy Hilton, PCS: <http://www.sheffield-lmc.org.uk/website/IGP217/files/GPFV%208-6-17%20PCS%20Presentation.pdf>

We would also like to thank attendees for their generosity in donating to the LMC's chosen charity. Roundabout is Sheffield's youth homeless charity providing shelter, support and life skills to young people aged 16-24 who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Further information about the work of Roundabout can be found at: <http://www.roundabouthomeless.org/>

Literature made available on the night is available as follows:

- A Guide to Your Local Medical Committee:
[http://www.sheffield-lmc.org.uk/website/IGP217/files/A%20Guide%20to%20Your%20Local%20Medical%20Committee%20\(revised%20May17\).pdf](http://www.sheffield-lmc.org.uk/website/IGP217/files/A%20Guide%20to%20Your%20Local%20Medical%20Committee%20(revised%20May17).pdf)
- Sheffield CCG Support Managers:
<http://www.sheffield-lmc.org.uk/website/IGP217/files/Sheffield%20CCG%20GP%20Support%20Managers.pdf>
- Supporting young carers in your surgery:
<http://www.sheffield-lmc.org.uk/website/IGP217/files/Supporting%20young%20carers%20in%20your%20surgery.pdf>

**KEY PRINCIPLES FOR FUTURE GENERAL PRACTICE
AND ITS ROLE IN THE DELIVERY OF PRIMARY CARE IN SHEFFIELD**

Sheffield LMC has been working closely with Sheffield Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Primary Care Sheffield (PCS) to produce a set of Key Principles we could all sign up to and adhere to in our individual and joint negotiations.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank CCG and PCS representatives for the time and effort involved in agreeing the final version of the Key Principles, which can be accessed via:

[http://www.sheffield-lmc.org.uk/website/IGP217/files/Key%20Principles%20for%20Future%20General%20Practice%20\(Jun17\)%20with%20logos.pdf](http://www.sheffield-lmc.org.uk/website/IGP217/files/Key%20Principles%20for%20Future%20General%20Practice%20(Jun17)%20with%20logos.pdf)

As stated at the citywide GPFV event on 8 June 2017, the LMC, CCG and PCS are independent organisations with differing mandates and constitutions. However, the majority of GPs represented by the LMC work in CCG member practices, with the practice partnerships being shareholders in PCS. As such, whilst maintaining our individual roles and remits, we hope that closer working will be to the benefit of Sheffield GPs and the wider health community.

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GMS CONTRACT 2017/18 UPDATE

Further to previous updates on the 2017/18 contract changes, and a number of queries from practices, please find below links to relevant General Practitioners Committee (GPC) guidance:

GMS Contract Changes FAQ (Feb17):

<https://www.bma.org.uk/collective-voice/committees/general-practitioners-committee/gpc-current-issues/gp-contract-negotiations/faqs>

GP contract funding changes (May17):

<http://www.sheffield-lmc.org.uk/website/IGP217/files/Focus-on-GP-funding-changes-May-2017.pdf>

Sickness Reimbursement - NHS England has confirmed that until they receive further guidance, they will continue to use the current LOC1 and LOC6 for practices to make claims. Further information on the amounts that can be claimed and qualifying criteria can be found in Focus on locum cover for parental and sickness leave (Apr17):

<https://www.bma.org.uk/advice/employment/contracts/general-practice-funding/focus-on-locum-cover-for-parental-and-sickness-leave>

Focus on identification and management of patients with frailty (Apr17):

<https://www.bma.org.uk/advice/employment/contracts/general-practice-funding/focus-on-identification-and-management-of-patients-with-frailty>

Further guidance will be issued in the next few weeks on:

- National diabetes audit data collection;
- Registration of prisoners prior to leaving prison.

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VIRTUAL MULTISPECIALTY COMMUNITY PROVIDERS (MCPs) AND ALLIANCE AGREEMENTS

As you will be aware, in October 2015 the Government announced the intention to create a new 'voluntary' contract to be used by GPs in England, working with others, that would provide 'at scale' general practice (ie over populations of at least 30-50k patients, but possibly larger depending on the services they cover).

Over the last 18 months this has been developed by NHS England via the MCP Contract Development Group, resulting in the publication of the MCP emerging care model and contract framework, followed by the full MCP contract and a suite of documents covering the Virtual, Partially-Integrated and Fully-Integrated MCP models. It is expected that NHS England will be updating these documents in the coming months.

As noted in the January LMC newsletter, in December 2016 the General Practitioners Committee (GPC) updated its *Focus on the draft MCP Contract guidance*, which can be accessed via:

<http://www.sheffield-lmc.org.uk/website/IGP217/files/Focus-on-MCP-Contract-jan2017.pdf>

The GPC has now produced *Focus on Virtual MCPs and Alliance Agreements* guidance, which can be accessed via:

<http://www.sheffield-lmc.org.uk/website/IGP217/files/Focus-on-Virtual%20MCPs-and-Alliance-Agreements.pdf>

These guidance notes will be joined by more detailed guidance on each of the proposed contractual models as further information is released.

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CAPITA – SESSIONAL GP ISSUES

Dr Krishan Aggarwal, Deputy Chair of the General Practitioners Committee (GPC) Sessional Subcommittee, has been meeting monthly with Capita and NHS England with regards to sessional issues, predominantly pensions and performers list issues, such as:

- BACS reference and bank details;
- Unallocated money;
- Receipts for Locum A and B forms;
- Type 2 annual self-assessment form.
- Emailed forms;
- Cheques returned to banks;
- Pension records online;

Dr Aggarwal's latest update can be accessed via:

https://www.bma.org.uk/connecting-doctors/the_practice/b/weblog/posts/capita-and-the-nhs-pension-fiasco-what-is-going-on-part-3

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COUNTERSIGNING PASSPORT APPLICATIONS

Please find below links to the latest guidance on countersigning passport applications:

<https://www.gov.uk/countersigning-passport-applications>

<https://www.gov.uk/countersigning-passport-applications/accepted-occupations-for-countersignatories>

Of particular relevance is the statement *Your countersignatory can't:*

- *be a doctor, unless they state that they know you well (eg good friend) and that they recognise you easily from your photo.*

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TRAINING FEE FOR IMPLANT AND IUD FITTERS

Queries were raised with the LMC regarding training fees and whether these could be centrally funded. The following clarification has been received:

- For recertification via the practical sessions offered by the Sexual Health Service, LARC fitters can claim £150 from Public Health.
- Such claims should be included on the practice's usual quarterly LARC invoice.
- An offer has also been made to offer £75 for clinicians to undertake the eKA online assessment.
- To ensure that records are kept up-to-date, any fitter wanting to recertify and claim funding is asked to contact Amy Buddery, Health Improvement Principal – Sexual Health via amy.buddery@sheffield.gov.uk or 0114 2057493.

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LOCUM GP HANDBOOK

In May an updated British Medical Association (BMA) Locum GP Handbook was published, which contains comprehensive advice and guidance on various aspects of locum work, such as starting out, setting up a business and establishing a contract for services with a provider. It is also an essential tool for GP providers, offering advice on recruiting locums and responsibilities as an employer.

BMA members can access the Handbook via:

<https://www.bma.org.uk/advice/employment/contracts/sessional-and-locum-gp-contracts/locum-gp-handbook>

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SALARIED GP HANDBOOK

In May an updated British Medical Association (BMA) Salaried GPs Handbook was published, which is a valuable resource for Salaried GPs and GP employers, covering topics such as legal entitlements to maternity leave, redundancy and employment protection.

BMA members can access the Handbook via:

<https://www.bma.org.uk/advice/employment/contracts/sessional-and-locum-gp-contracts/salaried-gps-handbook>

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EMPLOYMENT STATUS

BMA Law has recently prepared guidance for the BMA on Employment Status, which includes an Employment Status Checklist. The guidance is intended as a general overview of the law. It is recommended that specific legal advice is sought in individual cases. The guidance can be accessed via:

[http://www.sheffield-lmc.org.uk/website/IGP217/files/Employment%20Status%20\(BMA%20Law%20Apr17\).pdf](http://www.sheffield-lmc.org.uk/website/IGP217/files/Employment%20Status%20(BMA%20Law%20Apr17).pdf) .

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BBC NEWS STORY: PATIENTS WHO DO NOT ATTEND (DNA) GP APPOINTMENTS

Article submitted by Dean Eggitt, Regional Representative, General Practitioners Committee (GPC)

Due to the General Election the nation is currently receptive to the plight of General Practice and we have a golden opportunity to converse with the general public through the media about this. I am currently working with a journalist at the BBC who is keen to report on the number of patients who DNA appointments with GPs. I hope to highlight the deleterious impact that DNAs have on our appointment capacity and that patients themselves can help to alleviate the crisis in the NHS by being more responsible with appointments as a resource.

To this end, I need your help. I would be grateful if you would let me know via: office@doncasterlmc.co.uk:

- how many DNAs you have had between 1 January and 1 May 2017 (for example, 25 appointments);
- how many appointments the DNAs represent as a proportion of appointments offered (for example, 3%).

The more practices contribute to this, the more powerful the story will be, so please take this opportunity to help relieve the pressure on your own services.

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CAMERON FUND NEWSLETTER – SPRING 2017

The Cameron Fund is the GPs' own charity, supporting GPs and their dependents in times of financial need, whether through ill-health, disability, death or loss of employment. Sheffield LMC makes an annual donation to the Fund.

The Spring 2017 edition of the Cameron Fund newsletter is available via:

<http://www.sheffield-lmc.org.uk/website/IGP217/files/Cameron%20Fund%20Newsletter%20-%20Spring%202017.pdf>.

The main articles include:

- GP Health Service;
- Annual Reports & Accounts 2016;
- GP Returners;
- Help me, I'm a doctor.

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PREVENT TRAINING FOR GPs: STOP TERRORISM

Tuesday 11 July 2017

Sheffield Wednesday Football Club

The LMC does not usually advertise local training events, due to the sheer volume of requests received. However, following recent national events the importance of all GPs undertaking PREVENT training has been raised. This is an opportunity for GPs to access free training, as well as meeting mandatory safeguarding requirements.

Two sessions will be run on the day. Further details can be accessed via:

2 pm to 4 pm www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/prevent-training-for-gps-tickets-34354073960r

5 pm to 7 pm www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/prevent-training-for-gps-tickets-34354150188

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Please forward any articles for inclusion in the LMC newsletter to
manager@sheffieldlmc.org.uk

Articles for the July edition to be received by Friday 7 July

Submission deadlines can be found at

http://www.sheffield-lmc.org.uk/website/IGP217/files/VB_and_Newsletter_Deadlines.pdf