

CLMC Bulletin 390 – 26.06.19

PCNs

CLMC/CCG 25 June Event Presentations

Many thanks to all who took the time to attend the event on the 25th June and we hope it was useful. You can view all the presentations from the event [here](#). If you have further questions with regard to any element of PCNs, DES delivery, practice responsibilities or suggestions of support you require, please email janice.foster@nhs.net. We are looking to add a PCN page to our website so that all CLMC PCN related information is in one place for your ease. We hope to have this in place next week.

PCN Schedules – deadline 30 June to complete

PCNs must decide for themselves the information to include in each Schedule and how they fit together. WE strongly recommend you view the GPDF schedules (link in last week's bulletin) and the CLMC Schedules (previously circulated). GPC have produced [new guidance](#) on completing the PCN schedules including information about each Schedule and their interdependencies. The deadline to complete the schedules is 30 June though the Schedules 2 through to 7 do not need to be submitted to the CCG. You can read more on the GPC [PCN pages](#).

PCN Data sharing and data processing arrangements

The Network Contract DES specification requires PCNs to confirm to the commissioner by 30 June 2019 that they have *appropriate* data sharing (and, if relevant data processing) arrangements in place to support delivery of extended hours access services from 1 July 2019.

GPC England and NHS England are working together to agree a template Data Sharing Agreement and a template Data Processing Agreement for PCNs to use to support their data sharing and, if relevant, data processing arrangements. We are aware that many PCNs are expecting to use these templates to confirm to the commissioner that they have appropriate arrangements in place and we will update you as soon as possible on this. However, use of this template is not mandatory and PCNs may choose to evidence having appropriate data sharing and, if relevant, data processing arrangements in other ways.

To clarify what is required under the DES, if data sharing or data processing arrangements are required to support delivery of extended hours access services from 1 July 2019 then PCNs will be required to demonstrate the sufficiency of those to their commissioner before services commence. If delivery of extended access from 1st July does not require these arrangements, there is no requirement in this respect. The PCN must ensure that as soon as data sharing and processing arrangements are required for service delivery they are in place and demonstrably sufficient.

Annual Allowance and Tax Change Survey

Following the announcements of the [review](#) of the NHS pension scheme arrangements, GPC are asking doctors concerned by the impact of these tax measures to write, either for the first time, or as a follow up letter to their earlier representations, to their local MP. Access the template letter [here](#).

GPC also need your help to influence the review by filling in this brief survey about the impact that the current pension arrangements have had on you. Please take a few minutes to fill it in [here](#).

Krishna Kasaraneni, GPC England executive Team member, has written a blog explaining how GPC are taking action against the changes, which you can read [here](#).

Quarterly GP Workforce Data Extraction - deadline reminder

This is a reminder that the deadline for the next quarterly workforce data extraction is fast approaching – 30 June. Having accurate practice data aids GPC England's national lobbying efforts and in recent years, improving data has influenced the [2019/20 GP contract](#) agreement and the new [Interim NHS People Plan](#).

Partnership Review – Survey

Please take a few minutes to complete this important survey.

Following from the publication of three key documents this year - NHS Long Term Plan, the GP Partnership Review and the GP contract changes in England, a survey has been set up by the Independent Chair of the Partnership review, Dr Nigel Watson, to evaluate these changes and help influence decision makers and policy-makers moving forwards. Take the survey [here](#).

BMA Safe Staffing Project

GPC are supporting work being done by the wider BMA on safe working arrangements. If you have direct experience of unsafe staffing levels or introduced safer working practices where you work then we would be grateful for your help. [Leave your feedback via this survey](#) and help us build the case for better working conditions.

GP Trainees Committee Elections

Have your say on the working lives of GP trainees in your region – voting is now open for the GP trainees committee 2019/20. Voting closes at 12pm Wednesday 26 June 2019. Seats are available in Kent, Surrey and Sussex, Peninsula, Scotland, South East London, North East & Central. Find out more [here](#).

Guidance on Registration onto MHRA Central Alerting System (CAS)

MHRA will be sending notification to GP practices in England next week about the new way of registering with the MHRA so they can receive CAS alerts directly. From 1 October 2019, MHRA will send CAS alerts directly to GP practices taking over existing local patient safety CAS alert email cascade mechanisms currently in place. Practices will need to complete registration no later than 13 September.

Practices are being asked to register a mobile phone (or up to three) to allow a CAS alert to be sent as a text as an alternative to an email which would allow the system to operate in the event of a Malware attack that knocked out access to IT systems and emails.

Re-Train as a GP

Health Education England is continuing to receive enquiries from doctors who are considering re-training as a GP - from other medical speciality trainees, consultants and trust and staff grade doctors. The next round of GP specialty training applications opens from 30 July – 15 August 2019 (February 2020 start). Follow the #ChooseGP [Facebook](#) page to get the latest updates or find [case studies](#), [FAQs](#) and [career information](#) on the GP National Recruitment Office (GP NRO) website. E-mail gprecruitment@hee.nhs.uk with any questions.

Public Health Medicine Committee Elections

All doctors with a formal public health role, including GPs, may nominate themselves to be on the BMA's Public health medicine committee. Nominations are now open and you do not have to be a member of the BMA to stand. Further information can be found [here](#). Please share with any colleagues you think may be interested.

Symposium on Expert Witnesses in Family Law Cases Involving Children

This symposium will be held on 4 July at the Royal Courts of Justice, London, Court 33 between 5pm and 8pm. The aim of the symposium is to discuss the results of a questionnaire that was put together to gather information about the shortage of expert witnesses in family law cases involving children. There are limited places and it is on a first come first served basis. If you wish to attend please email Rebecca.lehane@ejudiciary.net to secure a place.

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