



Newsletter – December 2014



**MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM
YOUR LMC!!**

LMC Meeting 8th December 2014

At our last LMC meeting we discussed a range of issues including; wound care project, PRN wastage, PMS reviews, joint injections LES, GP capacity and minimum standards for GPs.

Shared Care Claims.

Public Health have agreed to a request made by the LMC to allow practices who feel they have made mistakes with their first claim submission under the new scheme to re-submit Q2 claims. A new form is being circulated to practices.

Winter pressure monies

There is some uncertainty regarding the payment structure, with a suggestion that practices will only be paid for utilised appointments. This could leave practices providing extra capacity without recompense. The RCCG have been notified that the hourly rate offered may well leave practices feeling they cannot carry this risk. The RCCG have agreed to extend the deadline for submissions of interest whilst this is clarified.

Death Notifications

There have been problems with the fax service to some practices for death notifications. Because of this the bereavement office have reverted to sending the pro-forma via internal post to GP practices.

The LMC feels this is not satisfactory and have asked RCCG to raise this with the TRFT.

GPs reporting themselves to GMC

The main point for members to be aware of is that low-level fixed penalty notices do not need to be reported to the GMC or to NHS England. All other criminal matters MUST be disclosed promptly, ie. within 7 days of charges being brought, the notification of intention to prosecute, or the verdict (whichever is the earlier).

New CSE Helpline

The helpline has been set up for victims and survivors of CSE and is being managed by the NSPCC and has been commissioned by RMBC.

The free confidential helpline and email address is available 24-hours-a-day, seven days a week. It can be accessed as below:

Freephone: 0800 7319256

rotherhamcse-support@NSPCC.org.uk

GP Systems of Choice

The Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC) has announced that agreements have now been signed with 30 suppliers to enter into the new GP Systems of Choice (GPSoc) framework, to provide additional GP IT Services. This will enable practices and CCGs to procure additional software, hardware and professional services.

A link to the HSCIC's bulletin is available on the HSCIC website and a summary of the products and services each supplier intends to provide is available on the HSCIC website.

NHS Property Services Leases

GPC and BMA Law recently met with NHS Property Services to discuss a purported 'standard' lease that has been in circulation for use with GP practices leasing NHS premises. As a result it has been clarified that there is no 'standard' lease as such.

The background to this is that about 18 months ago GPC were in discussions with the

DoH regarding the possibility of developing a form of standard lease document. However, for a number of reasons the two parties were unable to agree and finalise it. A derivative of this lease appears to have been produced and put out recently, which prompted GPC (in collaboration with BMA Law) to circulate a guidance note about it.

The aim of the meeting between GPC and NHSPS was to

- (i) clarify their present position, and
- (ii) discuss some of the aspects of the proposed lease.

In respect of the former, NHSPS explained that they are undertaking an audit of their property portfolio (this includes GP tenants) and where possible will suggest that occupying practices sign up to a 'Heads of Terms' agreement (this is a non-legally binding document) and/or a formal lease.

As regards the latter, the BMA discussed, in general terms, some of the clauses contained within the form of lease document presented. On this, NHSPS have agreed to work with GPC to develop a standard lease that is mutually acceptable. Both parties aspire to the goal that all GP practices are ultimately signed up to a lease that is fair to all sides and recognise that entering into a formal lease offers protection to both landlords and tenants. NHSPS made it clear however that GP practices are not being forced into signing up to a lease.

Care Quality Commission

The GPC remains concerned about a number of issues that have arisen following the introduction of the CQC's new inspection regime in October. In particular they will be seeking clarity on patient confidentiality, the naming and shaming of GPs and their practices in CQC press releases, the introduction of ratings for practices and the use of 'intelligent monitoring' to band practices prior to inspection.

Are you receiving the fortnightly email newsletter from Chaand Nagpaul?

Every two weeks the BMA distributes an email newsletter from Chaand Nagpaul, Chair of the General Practitioners Committee, to all GPs for whom they have email addresses, irrespective of whether or not they are BMA members.

If you aren't receiving Chaand's newsletter direct from the BMA, for members please check your email details through the BMA website www.bma.org.uk and update if necessary; if you haven't already done so, you will need to register to set up a web account

Non-members with web accounts can also update via the website. Other non-members should send their email details to membership@bma.org.uk quoting your GMC number

Sessional GPs Newsletter

This edition focusses on the recent BMA Conference for sessional GPs, initial findings from a survey on sessional GP experiences of appraisal and revalidation and working as a GP appraiser.

<http://bma-mail.org.uk/t/JVX-31W9E-5E2WPBWGC6/cr.aspx>

LMC Meeting

GP constituents are reminded that they are always welcome to attend meetings of the LMC as observers. The Committee meets on the second Monday of every month (except August) in the Board Room at Rotherham General Hospital

**NEXT
LMC MEETING
12th JANUARY
COMMENCING
AT 7.30 PM**

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