



Newsletter – December 2016



MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM YOUR LMC!!

LMC Meeting 12th December 2016

At our last LMC meeting we discussed a range of issues including; Quality Contract payment arrangements, choose and book, various new guidelines and protocols.

GP Retainer Scheme

The LMC have been informed by CCG that they are not promoting this NHSE scheme. Therefore we wish to encourage practices who are interested in this scheme to contact NHSE directly if you wish to participate.

The Retained Doctor Scheme is a package of support which includes financial incentives and development support to help GPs who might otherwise leave the profession to remain in clinical general practice.

From 1 July 2016, NHS England is increasing both the money for practices employing a retained GP and the annual payment towards professional expenses for GPs on the scheme. The additional resource is part of an on-going commitment to retain more doctors in general practice as set out in the General Practice Forward View.

The annual payment towards professional expenses for GPs on the retained scheme will increase from £310 to between £1,000 and £4,000 depending on the number of weekly sessions worked.

Further information at:-

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/gp/gp/v/workforce/retained-doctor-scheme/>

Pertussis Immunisation alert notice

At the end of October all practices received an immunisation alert notice in respect of pertussis vaccination in pregnancy and the risks to neonates and infants as a result of women not being vaccinated in pregnancy. Within the national guidance it was stated:-

5.5 GP practices will need to decide on the best mechanisms to contact all eligible pregnant women on the contractor's register to maximise uptake. They will particularly need to consider how to contact women who are solely in the care of a midwife or hospital consultant.

However, it seems that, locally, NHSE North have added the following wording:-

Practices should make a minimum of two attempts to invite eligible women.

We have sought advice from GPC and confirm that practices are free to determine their own contact mechanism rather than follow the recommendations of NHSE North.

Firearms Certificates

This is causing ongoing concern nationally, and further guidance is expected in the New Year. The GPC believe the current system is not fit for purpose and have recently resolved:-

“That the interpretation of medical evidence to assist the Chief Constable in their decision regarding the grant or renewal of a firearms or shotgun certificate should be undertaken by an appropriately qualified medical practitioner who is not the patient's GP”.

Hacking Scam of GPs email addresses

Just a reminder that general practice is being targeted at the moment by this scam.

Practice staff are receiving requests from supposedly legitimate NHS email addresses – for example from

the senior GP partner - asking for transfer of funds to unauthorised accounts.

LMC advise staff to be extra vigilant at this time.

List Management

The BMA have asked us to share this link with practices.

"This provides practices with guidance on list management such as information on formal list closure and informal temporary suspension of patient registration. We are aware that NHS England are sending guidance on temporary suspension of patient registration to commissioners, some of the information in this guidance contradicts the BMA's guidance and we would like to assure practices that we believe our guidance is within the regulations".

<https://www.bma.org.uk/advice/employment/gp-practices/quality-first/manage-inappropriate-workload/list-management>

Sessional GPs newsletter

The latest edition of the Sessional GPs e-newsletter is available on the BMA website at:

<http://bma-mail.org.uk/t/JVX-4NDO7-1BJCJOU46E/cr.aspx>

CQC Fees

Following pressure by the GPC, the value of the CQC fee rise in April 2016 was fully reimbursed by NHS England through an increase to core practice funding. GPC will be holding NHS England to its commitment in the GP Forward View that practices are appropriately

compensated against further rises, and is in active discussions to secure this additional new funding to cover the projected rise next year.

GPs who also wish to respond to the consultation can do so online before midday on 11 January.

http://www.cqc.org.uk/content/regulatory-fees-201718-consultation?utm_source=The%20British%20Medical%20Association&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=7798356_Copy%20of%20NEW12A1%20GP%20ENEWSLETTER%20partners&dm_t=0,0,0,0

GP Forward View Practice Development Funding – Survey of Practice Managers

As Part of the GPFV NHS England are running a Practice Manager Development programme which aims to support networking between managers at a local and national level, in order to share successful ways of managing workload and provide peer to peer encouragement and support.

As part of that work, they are undertaking a survey of practice managers to understand what their develop needs are. It is important that practice managers contribute to the survey to ensure that the GPFV budget allocation for this (£6m) is spent in areas that will have the greatest impact on the profession.

Please complete the survey:-

<https://www.engage.england.nhs.uk/survey/3d761bd2/>

LMC Meetings

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
MONDAY
7th JANUARY 2017
COMMENCING
AT 7.30 PM**

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