

# ROTHERHAM LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE

## NEWSLETTER

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### **Implementation of the 2010-11 GMS Contract uplift**

The GPC recently circulated a letter to all GPs confirming how the GMS contract uplift would be distributed across the contractual streams in 2010/11.

Further copies of the letter can be downloaded from the GPC website at:

[www.bma.org.uk/images/Letter%20to%20GPs%20in%20England%20-%20June%202010\\_tcm41-197559.pdf](http://www.bma.org.uk/images/Letter%20to%20GPs%20in%20England%20-%20June%202010_tcm41-197559.pdf)

### **Fitting of Long Acting Reversible Contraceptives (LARCs)**

At a recent Rotherham PLT event it was highlighted there was a lack of support for practices which did not fit LARCs. The LMC recommend that those practices make an arrangement with neighbouring practices who do fit LARCs to refer their patients. We have arranged for an updated list to be circulated separately to all practices.

### **Focus on the DHs improving services – guidance and balanced scorecards**

The DH has issued revised guidance on this subject, which provides more detailed policy on the formulation and implementation of balanced scorecards. The LMC share the GPCs concerns on the use and validity of this method in comparing practice

performance. LMC Officers will be representing GPs in ongoing development with the PCT at local level.

The document *is recommended reading* and is available at: -

[www.bma.org.uk/employmentandcontracts/independent\\_contractors/managing\\_your\\_practice/fo cusimproveGPservices.jsp](http://www.bma.org.uk/employmentandcontracts/independent_contractors/managing_your_practice/fo cusimproveGPservices.jsp)

### **Goodwill and dispensing briefing**

Sale of goodwill is illegal if it relates to, or is claimed on, the purported sale of essential services, although enhanced services are exempt from this. However, there has been some confusion whether GPs can sell goodwill in terms of the dispensing element of their contracts or not. Therefore, the GPC has sought legal advice and produced a briefing.

It is imperative that practices do not fall foul of the Goodwill rules because by doing so, a breach in the regulations could result in a criminal offence.

Full advice is available at: -

[www.bma.org.uk/employmentandcontracts/independent\\_contractors/managing\\_your\\_practice/goodwilldispensing.jsp](http://www.bma.org.uk/employmentandcontracts/independent_contractors/managing_your_practice/goodwilldispensing.jsp)

### **Interim seniority figures for GMS GPs for 2010-11**

The interim seniority figure for GMS GPs in England for 2010/11 is £95,802. Further

details are available on the NHS Information Centre website at: -

[www.ic.nhs.uk/tsc](http://www.ic.nhs.uk/tsc).

### **Sessional GPs Representation Working Group Report**

The GPC recently reported on the recommendations of a working group to review how Sessional GPs are represented by the BMA and at a local level, and to consider ways that representation could be improved.

The working group were supported by a Sessional GP Representation Research Programme comprising: -

- a comprehensive survey of over 1,800 Sessional GPs;
- a series of interviews with Sessional GPs
- a survey of the representation of Sessional GPs on LMCs
- a consultation of external stakeholders on the way in which the BMA represents Sessional GPs

The evidence demonstrated that many Sessional GPs feel that improvements are required to the way in which they are represented.

The Medical Secretary will review Rotherham LMC's Constitution and report back at a future meeting with recommendations for change regarding representation of Sessional GPs. In the meantime, we would welcome suggestions for improvement from Sessional GPs. Contact details are at the end of this newsletter.

A copy of the GPC report is available at: -

[www.bma.org.uk/representation/  
branch\\_committees/general\\_practice/sessionalgpsreport.jsp](http://www.bma.org.uk/representation/branch_committees/general_practice/sessionalgpsreport.jsp)

### **Vetting and barring scheme – July registration halted**

The Secretary of State for the Home Department -Theresa May – announced on 16<sup>th</sup> June that the commencement of voluntary registration with the new Vetting and Barring Scheme (VBS) in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, which was due to begin on 26 July, will be brought to an immediate halt.

The Government has made clear its intention to bring the criminal records and Vetting and Barring regimes back to common sense levels. Until this remodelling has taken place, they have decided to maintain those aspects of the new Scheme which are already in place, but not to introduce further elements.

For full details of the implications please visit: -

[www.crb.homeoffice.gov.uk](http://www.crb.homeoffice.gov.uk)

### **GPC Guidance Papers**

The under mention papers are produced specifically for the information of GPs and if not required immediately could be filed for future reference. Appropriate websites will be produced where supplied otherwise information can be obtained by searching the usual GPC website or alternatively they can be supplied electronically by the LMC.

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- 1) GPC News – May
- 2) Focus on new tax brackets
- 3) 2009-10 GP Patient Survey
- 4) GPC Conference News – June

### **Attendance at Meetings**

Constituents are reminded that they are always welcome to attend meetings of the LMC as observers.

Constituents wishing to have papers discussed by the Committee must ensure that the appropriate items are, at the latest, with the Secretary by the Friday, one clear week before the meeting.

The Committee meets on the second Monday of every month in the Board Room at Rotherham General Hospital.

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**NEXT  
LMC MEETING**

**MONDAY  
26 JUNE 2010**

**COMMENCING  
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7.30 PM**

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