

Newsletter – November 2011

Contract Agreement 2012-13

Changes to the GMS Contract for 2012-13 were announced on 2nd November 2011.

The alterations include:

- an agreement not to increase GP pay, in line with other NHS doctors
- the piloting of arrangements that will allow patients greater choice of which GP to use
- changes to what happens if a patient moves a short distance, allowing many people, where clinically appropriate, to stay in their current GP practice even if they move home - which is important to many patients
- the introduction of a new scheme that aims to reduce avoidable Accident and Emergency (A&E) visits. Often patients go to A&E when they could receive excellent and efficient care instead from their GP practice
- revisions to the Quality and Outcomes Framework (QOF), which provides resources for GP practices for delivering excellent care and best practice

A copy of the GPCs letter can be downloaded at:

http://www.bma.org.uk/image/s/gpcletterprofesscontractagreement20112012_tcm41-210420.pdf

The following related documents can be found on our website at: -

Summary of 2012/13 QOF Changes

QOF Quality and Productivity Accident and Emergency Indicators

<http://www.rotherhamlmc.org/guidance.htm>

MRSA Management

At the last LMC Meeting this issue was discussed with the Chief Medical Officer of Rotherham Hospital FT. Under new proposals our concerns remain that primary care are being asked to swab an excessive number of pre-operative patients for infection.

In the circumstances, we ask GP constituents to report to us cases of pre-operative screening for MRSA so we can assess the impact.

PLT Attendance

In our October newsletter we wrote that the PCT / Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) have expressed concern about non attendance at PLT by some practitioners.

Following lengthy discussion with the PCT, the following

formula has been agreed, to be applied next year: -

Two-thirds of whole time equivalent practice partners plus salaried GPs who work on a Thursday to attend for each session for which cover is accepted, to be taken over a 12 month period commencing January 2012.

Day of Action 30th November 2011

A day of action to defend public sector pensions against major government reforms is taking place on 30 November. Some unions have balloted members with a view to taking industrial action on the day, whilst others – including the BMA – are supporting the day through campaigning and lobbying activities.

More information on support from the BMA is at:

http://www.bma.org.uk/employmentandcontracts/pensions/nhs_pensions_reform/index.jsp

The BMA have also produced an FAQ document aimed at GPs as employers

A copy can be downloaded here:-

http://www.bma.org.uk/employmentandcontracts/pensions/nhs_pensions_reform/publics

http://www.bma.org.uk/employmentandcontracts/pensions/nhs_pensions_reform/publicsectorpensionsdayofaction.jsp?page=3

The BMA have also produced a more general FAQ document, aimed at individuals

A copy can be downloaded here: -

http://www.bma.org.uk/employmentandcontracts/pensions/nhs_pensions_reform/publicsectorpensionsdayofaction.jsp?page=2

Please note the BMA's position that their FAQs do not constitute individual legal advice. BMA members requiring clarification on their own position can email the BMA's dedicated day of action advice service at: 30nov@bma.org.uk.

We are aware that NHS Rotherham are issuing their own advice to GPs and practices.

Vacancy – Salaried Partner

Valley Medical Centre, Stocksbridge, Sheffield - 5/6 sessions/week

"We are a friendly, forward-looking, six partner PMS practice in the north of Sheffield, looking for an enthusiastic doctor to join our well organised and supportive team.

Our purpose built premises provide comprehensive primary care services to Stocksbridge and surrounding villages, as well as housing a Pharmacy, Dentist and Optician. We are a paper-light practice using SystmOne.

We are looking for someone who is able to provide the full range of General Medical

Services. We do not do extended hours or out of hours. There may be occasional on call.

For further information about our practice, please visit www.valleymedicalcentre.org.uk

Please apply in writing with a CV to Liz Sedgwick, Practice Manager, Valley Medical Centre, Johnson Street, Stocksbridge, Sheffield, S36 1BX. Tel: 0114 2836900 Email: lizedgwick@nhs.net

New Medicines Service Guidance

NHS Employers and the Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee have jointly published guidance for the New Medicines Service which is available on the [NHSE website](#). A feedback form and further information about the changes to the NHS Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework that came in to force on 1 October 2011 is available on the [BMA website](#).

BMA Awards and Honours Guidance

BMA honours are awarded in recognition of a member's distinguished and notable service to the Association at any level, not only to those holding high profile offices. Revised guidelines have been produced.

The most important change is that the deadline date has been set for 10 February 2012 for Awards submissions (together with 4 completed references, where necessary). No late submissions will be accepted.

More information on our website at: -

<http://www.rotherhamlmc.org/guidance.htm>

Attendance at Meetings

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 in the Board Room at Rotherham General Hospital

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**NEXT
LMC MEETING
MONDAY
12th DECEMBER
COMMENCING
AT 7.30 PM**

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