

## Newsletter – October 2017

### LMC Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017

At our last LMC meeting we discussed a range of issues, including information governance, minor surgery DES, Diabetes shared care pathway, shared care drugs specification, post payment verification and public health contacts.

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### PSA LES

The CCG and LMC are in agreement for PSA pricing to be based on Item of Service as from 1 October 2017.

This would then include reimbursement for PSAs via urology.

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### School Asthma Plans

These form part of Quality Contract Standard 7.

The LMC were agreeable to providing such asthma action plans for children however were concerned regarding the responsibility/amount of work involved in the chasing up and coordination of DNAs and action plans.

The CCG confirmed that there would be no issue with amending the wording relating to asthma school plans to reflect that these should only be completed if the patient attends.

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### Clinical Peer Review

Following BMA intervention, this has been dropped by NHSE as a national requirement.

However the LMC are supportive of a selective local scheme under the Quality Contract focussing on outliers. Details of reviews to be agreed.

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### Weight Management Tier 3

Following the demise of RIO, the Gateway CiC have been awarded a revised contract.

Details of the referral process are being advised to practices.

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### Connect Rotherham Healthcare CiC (the federation)

The LMC met with Vicki Linford, Head of CiC. Discussions included nurse development and it was recognised there is a need for upskilling of HCAs to include accreditation and competency in areas such as spirometry, dressings and ear care – to free up nursing time.

Vicki is in discussions with practices about training needs for nurse development and practice manager development. **Practices are encouraged to come**

**forward with suggestions for training needs.**

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### Public Health Wellness Contract

This has been awarded to Parkwood Healthcare Ltd, based in Leicester, from 1/4/18. The contract includes smoking cessation, Tier 1 & 2 shape up, Alcohol C, health trainers and health checks. YSF will continue to provide a stop smoking service until then but will issue termination notices to subcontractors in December. It is not clear at the time of writing what the arrangements are for GP involvement in health checks.

Connect Healthcare CiC (the federation) are making further enquiries.

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### Post Payment Verification.

The CCG wish to change the way this is performed from year-end to in-year, so that corrections can be made to payments before the year-end. Five practices have been chosen at random to perform PPV tests.

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### All Accu-Chek® Insight insulin pumps – risk of alarm failure

Manufactured by Roche Diabetes Care – the audible and/or vibration alarms might

not function, which may lead to hyperglycaemia if the user doesn't see the notification message on the pump.

For further information on this published alert:

<https://www.gov.uk/drug-device-alerts/all-accu-check-insight-insulin-pumps-risk-of-alarm-failure>

Lynda Astbury, Diabetes Specialist Nurse Lead at RFT has advised us that

*"All patients using Roche Insight pumps have been sent the alert by letter from Roche, we also discuss any recent alerts with patients when they are seen in clinics. There are some insulin pump workshops planned over the next few weeks and we will be discussing during the sessions. Pump patients are given the contact number for the Diabetes centre, there is also a 24 hour helpline provided by Roche for any patients using any of their insulin pumps.*

Further queries contact:-

[Lynda.Astbury@rothgen.nhs.uk](mailto:Lynda.Astbury@rothgen.nhs.uk)

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## Sessional GPs e-newsletter

The latest edition of the sessional GPs e-newsletter is available online. There is a message from Zoe Norris about the list closure ballot, information about mental health support for GPs and a blog about different ways of working as a locum.

<http://bma-mail.org.uk/t/JVX-55R6T-1BJCJOU46E/cr.aspx>

## GPR reimbursements

To ensure that any registrar appointed to a vocational training scheme receives the correct salary and is placed on the correct pay scale a new process was introduced by PCSE that requires completion of a new K4 form.

Not all practices may be aware of the new form and some practices may be of the understanding they have already provided PCSE with the information required but if this has not been submitted on the form attached it will not be processed

There is also the possibility that a number of K4s have been returned from PCSE to HEE that have not been actioned

Any practice that considers it has not yet completed a new K4 form please contact:-

Jane Docherty, Senior Programme Lead, Intensive Expert Management Team, Primary Care Support Services without delay. Jane's contact details are 07900715356  
[jane.docherty1@nhs.net](mailto:jane.docherty1@nhs.net)

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## Identification management of people with frailty: Guidance on batch-coding

Concerns have been raised that some practices have batch-coded a Read code diagnosis of frailty. It is recommended that this should not be done.

As a result of the above, NHS England recently issued the following statement:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/gms-contract-batch-coding-statement.pdf>

## 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 in the Board Room at Rotherham General Hospital

NEXT  
LMC MEETING

13<sup>th</sup> November 2017

COMMENCING  
At 7.30 PM

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