

## Newsletter – September 2017

### LMC Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017

At our last LMC meeting we discussed a range of issues, including drug administration charts, medicines management issues, minor surgery DES, quality contract and Arden templates.

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### Prescribing Incentive

The LMC raised concerns about the wording of the latest incentive, and this has now been resolved. Only three areas are being considered - paracetamol, antihistamines and vitamin D & other vitamin preparations, although more are being considered for the future. For clarity across the self-care programme, the CCG are requesting GPs to advise patients to buy. They are not saying these products are banned and patients must buy.

Although the resource-saving goal of the CCG is laudable, practices are reminded of their responsibility to prescribe.

There is a current NHSE consultation on “items not to routinely prescribe” which GPs may wish to respond to.

<https://www.engage.england.nhs.uk/consultation/items-routinely-prescribed/>

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### BMA Ballot regarding list closure.

LMC Members thought the turnout was disappointing. Turnout in Yorkshire was only 26%, and of this figure only 40% voted for temporary list closure.

At this stage the GPC will not be making a decision about moving to a formal industrial action ballot of the profession. They will be using the results to support their negotiations and to call on the government to deal with the current crisis with far greater urgency.

The LMC feel that the regional branch of the BMA could have done more to promote the ballot and the underlying reasons for it.

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### STPs and Accountable Care Organisations.

The regional picture is ever-changing and Sir Andrew Cash – Chairman of the regional STP - has been invited to a meeting of local LMCs in January 2018 to discuss the implications for practices in Rotherham.

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### Winter Indemnity Scheme

Message from Richard Vautrey, Chairman of GPC:-

*I know that this is an issue of real and immediate concern to many of you. It is to me. I know that many of you are frustrated at the wait and our continued assurances that we are working hard to resolve this issue with government as our highest priority. However, at this point that is all I can say. Please be patient and continue to be assured that this is our number one immediate priority.*

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### Men B Vaccinations

The LMC have recently sought advice from Public Health England following a query from a GP practice relating to payment for a post-two-year vaccination where a child had a medical condition that means vaccination has been delayed.

The PH Programme Contracts Manager has stated:-

*We note that clinical indications are that Men B is not given after two years of age. The risk of Men B infection is greater under the age of two years, after which time it declines rapidly, therefore the national schedule only recommends*

vaccination up to the age of two years.

However, NHS England, Public Health team would be prepared to review individual patient circumstances on a case by case basis, whereby the GP practice would be expected to provide a validated reason why it/they had not been given within the scheduled timings (in this case due to medical contraindications) and that there is a clinical need. We expect these cases to be few and far between, and so reimbursement would be undertaken as a manual variation payment if deemed appropriate and all validated with a clear explanation.

Further specific queries to:  
[julie.howard6@nhs.net](mailto:julie.howard6@nhs.net)

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### Capita / PCSE Claims Guidance

The GPC's advice is to follow the process outlined at the link below, to ensure incorrect payments are corrected:

<https://www.bma.org.uk/collective-voice/committees/general-practitioners-committee/gpc-current-issues/capita-service-failure>.

If issues are not resolved through this process in a timely manner, please email [info.gpc@bma.org.uk](mailto:info.gpc@bma.org.uk)

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### Quarterly Payments

The CCG have advised us that any GP practice experiencing difficulties moving to the new payment regime should contact them, and they will review support on a case-by-case basis.

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### NHS Property Services (NHSPS) Charging Policy 2017/18

NHSPS, in conjunction with NHS England and the Department of Health, has published a refreshed Charging Policy for 2017/18.

It provides clarity to NHSPS' customers on the charges payable for occupation of NHSPS properties and is relevant to customers with signed leases in place, as well as those who are currently occupying premises on an undocumented basis.

Further information is at:

<http://www.property.nhs.uk/charging-policy-2017-18/>

Further information on NHSPS' billing policies and an interactive charging schedule can be found at:

<http://billing.property.nhs.uk/>

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### Sessional GPs Newsletter

Here is the link for September's newsletter from the Sessional GP Subcommittee:

<http://bma-mail.org.uk/t/JVX-55R6T-1BJCJOU46E/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 in the Board Room at Rotherham General Hospital

**NEXT  
LMC MEETING**

**9<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

**COMMENCING  
At 7.30 PM**

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