

Newsletter – January 2017

LMC Meeting 9th January 2017

At our last LMC meeting we discussed a range of issues, including GLP1s, charging for NOMADS, Quality Contract, Emergency Procurement Process, and RDGH appointment procedures.

Capping of procedures.

In recent discussions with CCG, their advice was for practices to continue to provide minor surgery, and the CCG will continue to pay for the work subject to payment verification data.

The LMC urge practices to ensure that these procedures continue to be performed by a competent person and to verify that each procedure is a claimable one.

Clinical Pharmacy Scheme

NHS England has recently published guidance to help with the next round of applications. This follows a successful pilot, which has already seen over 490 clinical pharmacists begin working in GP surgeries.

Please see further information below:-

- Details of phase two contains guidance for applicants and application form

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/gp/gpfv/workforce/cp-gp/>

- PCPA guidance to help practices wanting to employ a pharmacist –

http://pcpa.org.uk/assets/documents/gp_guide.pdf

- Guardian article

<https://www.theguardian.com/nhs-england-and-health-education-england-partner-zone/2016/dec/22/as-general-practice-evolves-clinical-pharmacy-expands>

If you have any queries on this you can send through to

england.clinicalpharmacistenquiries@nhs.net

Referrals from Secondary Care

At our last LMC Meeting members discussed a number of instances of inappropriate referring from secondary care.

Practices are reminded of the BMAs standard hospital contract template letters. These can be adapted for practice use and embedded into GP clinical systems so that letters to hospitals are pre-populated with patient details. The update can be viewed at:

<http://bma-mail.org.uk/t/JVX-4H9V6-1BJCJOU46E/cr.aspx>

The template letters here:-

<https://www.bma.org.uk/collective-voice/committees/general-practitioners-committee/gpc-current-issues/nhs-england-standard-hospital-contract-guidance>

Payment secured for NHS SBS incident

GPC was informed of an issue in April 2016, which had been identified by NHS SBS (Shared Business Services), who previously provided primary care support to GPs in a number of areas across England.

SBS had identified a warehouse of patient-related information that it should have transferred to practices for processing, but failed to do so. These items require returning to practices to review and assess for clinical harm.

This error from SBS – a private company contracted by NHS England – has caused, and will continue to cause, extra workload for some practices during the coming months, and is another example of the detrimental effects of outsourcing work.

GPC has worked with NHS England to secure appropriate payment for the extra work associated with the return and assessment of these items. Practices will

receive payments related to the number of items received.

NHS England has also agreed to support practices through this process with a dedicated phone line and email address. It will provide draft letters to patients, if required.

Guidance for GPs on patients presenting with dental problems

The GPC have created guidance for GPs on patients presenting with dental problems, which informs GPs of their obligations to patients either requesting emergency dental treatment or asking for an NHS prescription for drugs recommended by private or NHS dentists. It is aimed at all GPs including out-of-hours practitioners.

This guidance is produced in light of the growing number of patients seeking dental advice from GPs. A recent study in Wales found a typical general practice can expect to see between 30 and 48 patients with dental problems a year. The British Dental Association estimates that this costs the NHS £26m a year.

This guidance will help you to manage the pressures caused by that demand.

<https://www.bma.org.uk/advice/employment/gp-practices/quality-first/manage-inappropriate-workload/patients-presenting-with-possible-dental-problems>

BMA Dinner Dance

The Annual Dinner Dance of the Rotherham Division of the BMA will be held on Saturday, 4th February, 2017 at the Hellaby Hall Hotel, Old Hellaby Lane, Rotherham, S66 8SN at 6.30pm for 7.00pm.

Following the meal and usual formalities there will be dancing to a mix of Indian and English music.

The price of the Dinner is £45.00 per Person, which includes wine. Dress code is Black Tie and Carriages - 00.30am

Please send an email to ted.daly@btinternet.com With numbers and food preferences by 27th January 2017.

BMA Junior Members Forum 2017

Saturday 25-Sunday 26 February 2017 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Nottingham – Gateway

This is a free conference for doctors who have qualified within the last 12 years with travel expenses paid, providing a unique opportunity for you to get involved with the BMA, and get your voice heard on matters that are important to you and help guide future work of the Association

Attendees will:

- Have the chance to hear from and put questions to expert speakers
- Have an opportunity to network with like-minded colleagues, as well as senior BMA leaders, from all branches of practice

Find out more and register now at:

www.bma.org.uk/jmf

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**

13th February 2017

**COMMENCING
At 7.30 PM**

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