

Newsletter – January 2013

LMC Elections

You will shortly be receiving nomination papers for election to the LMC for the next three year term.

Rotherham LMC has always been proud of the fact that we are a small LMC but have over the years been an extremely active one. Since its inception we have successfully liaised with the PCT/CCG and formed a very worthwhile working relationship. We believe that despite our size we have much to offer all in primary care whether Principal, Salaried or Locum irrespective of PMS or GMS status.

All members of the LMC believe that in Rotherham's case 'small is beautiful' and they have a very strong desire to continue our representations on a local and national basis. However, in today's NHS we are constantly feeling the need to improve our services and the need for the introduction of new thoughts and ideas.

With this in mind we would ask that you all think about a nomination to become a member - we really would like some 'young blood' or old blood with young ideas! It's YOUR LMC and you CAN influence what happens in Rotherham - so come forward and get elected!

Medical Review of deceased patients notes

FHS Agency charge £50 to individuals requesting access to the records. The records are then requested from archive, copied and then sent to the last GP practice for redacting of any sensitive information.

Following discussions with the local NHS Cluster, the LMC have agreed that, of the £50 claimed by the agency, £10 is paid out for the retrieval of records from archive and notes are then sent to the last GP for them to review, redact and copy records. As this work is outside the contract, practices are advised to invoice for the balance of the charge (i.e. £40).

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Non-Clinical QOF Domains

Practices are advised to get their non-clinical submissions in and check that they have uploaded properly on QMAS!

There are only two opportunities at getting this right! One at the end of

January and one at the end of February.

The NCB primary care team will take over pre-payment verification on from 1st April 2013 and – unlike in previous years - their team **will not** have any capacity to correct any practice mistakes/errors in uploading.

LES for Suture Removal

Now the Suture removal element has been established, it is proposed that wound dressings following removal would also be added to the LES once the RFT could predict actual numbers not requiring ongoing monitoring. GPs will be asked to feedback on the actual transfer cases to ensure complex cases are not being transferred.

Practices are advised to notify Dr Julie Kitlowski if they are unsure whether the extent of wound dressing falls within the LES or not.

Proposed imposition of changes to the GP contract in England

For the latest on this subject click here: -

<http://bma.org.uk/gpcontract>

**GP Contract road show
Thursday 7 February 2013
7.00 pm**

GPC negotiators are visiting various locations in the UK to inform GPs of the proposed contract imposition and what it will mean in practice. The nearest 'road show' is in Sheffield at: -

The Devonshire Suite
DoubleTree by Hilton
Sheffield Park, Chesterfield
Road South,
Sheffield S8 8BW

There will be an opportunity to hear from Richard Vautrey, Deputy Chair of the GPC, and to ask any questions relating to the new contract. This is a free event but please confirm attendance by e-mailing administrator@sheffieldlmc.org.uk.

Full details of other GPC Roadshows can be found at:

<http://bma.org.uk/events/tag/gp-contract-roadshows>

Proposed clinical changes to QOF

A document has been sent to LMCs outlining the GPC's concerns with proposed clinical changes to QOF that the government intends to implement as part of imposed changes to GP contracts from April 2013 and it is also available on the [BMA's website](#).

The GPC will ensure the government receives all of these concerns as part of their response to its consultation.

GPC News – Dec. 2012

This is available on our website at: -

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

Locum superannuation

The government is proposing that from April 2013 GP practices will pay locums' employer pensions contributions, which are currently paid by Primary Care Organisations (PCOs).

The GPC understands that the intention is that the funds would be moved into global sum. This change would be introduced via amendments to the NHS Pension Scheme Regulations, which are currently being consulted on by the government.

The GPC is very concerned about the implications both for practices and for GP locums and the BMA will be responding to the consultation to express these concerns, as well as raising it via GPC negotiations with the Department of Health (DH).

LMC Meetings

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 (except August) in the Board Room at Rotherham General Hospital

NEXT

LMC MEETING

MONDAY

11th FEBRUARY

COMMENCING

AT 7.30 PM

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If you have any questions or agenda items, or wish to submit appropriate articles for this newsletter

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