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LMC Meeting 10th January 2022

At our last meeting, the LMC discussed a range of issues including: Quality Contract, QoF, Fitter Better Sooner, Sedation for Imaging and Extended Access.

Shared Care

Further to discussions at LMC discussions in January, the CCG have written to practices to ask whether there had been any significant incidents arising from Shared Care arrangements. The CCG had not received any replies so far – implying this was not a problem.

At no point has the LMC agreed with the current process of Shared Care, and we still feel this is potentially an accident waiting to happen and a clinical safety issue. Letters are being received at Primary Care up to a month after a patient is seen in Secondary Care. Our position remains that the Hospitals should retain responsibility until there is written confirmation that GPs have accepted shared care. However, we recognise that arrangements differ across local LMCs, and the Medicines Management Team have so far been supportive in resolving any local issues in Rotherham.

We note the CCG have removed the wording 'and practices will confirm they have taken on the responsibility for individual patient care in writing' from the shared care LES.

Although the BMA guidelines on the interface between primary and secondary care clearly states the responsibility of care remains with secondary care until primary care accept clinical responsibility for the patient in question, we feel that removing the need to formally confirm shared care will leave some patients at risk of falling through the gap. We would therefore advise that GP's do write back to secondary care confirming that they will take on the shared care for a named patient.

DVT LES

The LMC discussed how GP's, CCC staff, A&E staff and SDEC staff were all noted to not follow the DVT flowchart at times. We thought one of the reasons GPs weren't using the DVT LES and checking near patient D Dimer kits, was due to the DVT LES having had several iterations, and therefore some uncertainty as to best practice. We felt a training session via PLT was a good way to clarify the pathway, encourage the use of a wells score and how & when to use the D Dimer kits.

We will work with the CCG to communicate this to practices, to improve uptake.

LMC Meetings

GP constituents are always welcome to attend meetings of the LMC as observers. Meetings are currently held online via Microsoft Teams until further notice. Please contact the LMC office if you wish to attend

NEXT LMC MEETING:

14th March 2022

From 7.30 PM

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SMI LES

Changes to the existing specification of the SMI LES was discussed at LMC, as the current LES duplicates some QOF requirements. Further discussions with the CCG are expected as the proposed suggestions represented a significant increased amount of work.

Sedation for Imaging

LMC were made aware of ongoing requests by RFT of requests to GP's for provision of sedation for patients undergoing X-Ray imaging, which has been an issue discussed previously. RFT have informed LMC that an internal solution was still being progressed and we will update as and when further information is available

LMC Elections 2022

Nine nominations have been received for LMC Membership for the new three-year term commencing 1st April 2022. Therefore, as there are ten places available there is no need for a formal election.

It was resolved at the LMC Meeting that the following GPs were duly elected:

Dr V Campbell, Dr B Chandran, Dr J Colquitt, Dr A Davies, Dr J Eversden, Dr R Fulbrook, Dr N Ravi, Dr S Sukumar & Dr N Thorman

Consideration for co-opting a member to the remaining vacancy will be given by the new committee at its first meeting on 11th April 2022.

GP Mentoring

Dr Myers noted a recent request from a Salaried GP expressing an interest in being mentored. As there isn't a formal scheme in Rotherham, GPs are referred to the GP-S service if on the GP Fellowship Scheme, or the Doncaster LMC's scheme if not. Also, through the Workforce and Training Hub if anyone is interested in becoming a mentor, training is available via Dr Alan Shirley and monies are available for backfill.

The contact details regarding GP Fellowship are:

<https://pcwth.co.uk/gpfellowship/>

The link person at the SYB Workforce and Training Hub is:

alanshirley@nhs.net

Pathway to Partnership Programme

The Qualitas Pathway to Partnership development programme is for new and prospective partners in GP practices looking to accelerate their professional development and help their practice thrive and succeed. Full funding is available from NHSE.

Starting on 4th May 2022, this is a 12-month hybrid programme spread over 6 full day face-to-face sessions, 8 peer-group virtual sessions and real exercises completed with your practice. You have the option of joining in person or virtually or a mix of both that suits you.

For those new to partnership, NHS England offers full reimbursement for training here. Expressions of interest are invited for the next programme.

This development programme is open to anyone with an interest in complementing their clinical skills by developing the business and leadership skills required to lead a successful organisation.

<https://qualitasconsortium.uk/training-programmes/>

National Primary Care Coaching - Looking After You - Communications Toolkit

Alannah Thornton, Project Manager, Primary Care Workforce NHS England and NHS Improvement writes:

New communications toolkit to support promotion of the Looking After You coaching service: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1aS8-sTH1W9gv49d9Tq3hhwg9jJZZ5MFs>

Within the toolkit you will find social media images, banners, bulletin copy, website copy and quotes from those who have used the service. We encourage you to share the materials on your websites, social media channels and in your networks and places of work. Please let us know if you have any engagement opportunities. A member of our team would be happy to come to meetings or events within regions and systems to talk about the offer.

What is the coaching?

We have developed three coaching offers for the workforce:

1. Looking After You Too – coaching about you and your wellbeing
2. Looking After Your Team – coaching about you and your team
3. Looking After Your Career - coaching about you and your career

All coaching is free and confidential. The sessions are delivered virtually, preferably via a video platform, but telephone appointments are also available.

A landing page hosts all three offers: www.england.nhs.uk/lookingafteryou

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Accelerated Access to Records Programme - Patient Access to Online Records

From April 2022 (delayed from April 2019), patients with online accounts, such as through the NHS App, will be able to read new entries in their health record. This applies to patients whose practices use TPP and EMIS systems. The GPIT system configuration is being changed so that existing online users have access to their future, or prospective, health information entered after this change is made. New online users set up after this date will also receive this level of access by default. General practice will be able to customise or remove access for individuals if having access to future, or prospective, GP health information is inappropriate.

Concerns have been raised locally and nationally regarding the implications of these changes, particularly in relation to prospective access. Essex LMC has pulled together a helpful document which links to relevant policy documents, toolkits and guidance, as well as training opportunities.

<https://www.essexlmc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/LMC-Documents-National-Patient-Access-Records-v1-03022022.pdf>

Your wellbeing

The BMA is here for you and offers supportive wellbeing services which include face-to-face counselling. You can access one-off support or, after triage, a structured course of up to six face-to-face counselling sessions. Call **0330 123 1245** today or **visit the website** for more information.

For all other support, speak to a BMA adviser on **0300 123 1233** or email support@bma.org.uk

Read more about doctors' wellbeing during the pandemic and on [Twitter @TheBMA_](#)