

Newsletter – October 2019

Minor Eye Conditions

There are reports that many of the opticians are not ready for MECS despite signing up to the scheme.

We have advised the CCG to check which Opticians are able to provide the service and to update surgeries via email, which has now been sent.

Medical Administration Records (Pink cards)

The LMC have received many reports of GP's still being asked by district nurses to complete the pink drug sheets to enable them to administer medication to patients in the community. It was previously agreed that this practice was outdated and no longer needed especially in light of updated BMA guidance a few years ago now. The pink sheet is a record of the administration of the medication and should not be considered as an instruction for the medication to be delivered.

The LMC advice for GPs is to refrain from writing out / signing MARs whilst the LMC seek assurance from the Clinical Manager of Community Nursing.

SMILES

Following LMC comment, the CCG have raised this with the NHSE Regional Team who have confirmed that so long as patients are offered all the elements, should they refuse any they can still be counted as having a full health check. Practices will need to exception code this, and the CCG will build the facility for reporting on this within the claims forms. The LMC are supportive of the changes.

PINCER tool

The LMC have been advised that this is a national project driven by NHSE. However, GPs are not receiving additional resourcing for it. The LMC note it's use is not compulsory, and practices are free to choose whether they use it or not. .

SystemOne / EMIS Issues

The LMC have spoken with many GP's about SystemOne & EMIS issues – including systems running slowly and shutting down, especially towards the end of the day around 5pm. This has been raised with the provider and also the CCG IT department, both blaming each other. The LMC are in discussions with the CCG to seek a solution.

New service from Carers Resilience

Practices were advised of this service on 9th October. As part of the advertisement for the service there is a phone number which can be given to the carer for them to self-refer. Clinicians do not need to complete any part of the referral form, but merely give the carer the number for them to sort it. Some clinicians may want to complete the form to ensure that details are correct.

Firearms guidance and flowchart

The GPC's response to the Home Office consultation on statutory guidance to police on firearms licensing and a flowchart to guide GPs and police through the licensing process is now available on the BMA website

<https://www.bma.org.uk/advice/employment/ethics/ethics-a-to-z/firearms>

Updated DWP guidance

The DWP have recently updated their guide to the benefit system for GPs

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/a-short-guide-to-the-benefit-system-for-general-practitioners>

and their guidance on factual medical reports

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dwp-factual-medical-reports-guidance-for-healthcare-professionals/dwp-medical-factual-reports-a-guide-to-completion>

New regulations on notifications of death

For the first time, the Government has introduced regulations

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uk/si/2019/1112/made> that place a duty on registered medical practitioners to notify the coroner of certain deaths, and what information should be provided. They apply to England and became law on 1 October 2019. Read the Ministry of Justice's guidance on complying with the regulations here

<https://www.events.england.nhs.uk/national-dynamic-purchasing-system-events>

Dedicated support for members of staff who raise the alarm on unsafe practice.

Following successful pilots, the NHS will soon offer practical support to any doctor, nurse, or other worker across the country who needs additional support to build their career after raising concerns at work, as part of the NHS Long Term Plan to improve care and treatment.

The scheme will offer staff career coaching, shadowing opportunities, work experience, CV writing advice, interview skills practice and resilience training to former or current members of staff who have

blown the whistle on poor practice. More here:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/2019/10/nhs-whistle-blower-support-scheme-to-roll-out-across-the-country/>

First5 Event for South Yorkshire North Trent

This event in Sheffield is specifically for First5 GPs and the programme has practical hints and tips for surviving the first year. Come and join the Welcome to First5 event for an evening of networking and learning. The evening will start with a drinks reception and light evening buffet, followed by a number of great speakers to help support you.

Learn about life as a newly qualified GP, how RCGP can support you, tips on how to get the best from your appraisal and much more. It will also be an excellent opportunity for you to meet and network with your fellow peers and local RCGP Faculty Board, helping you build a supportive network from across the South Yorkshire North Trent region and beyond.

Date: 28 November 18:30 – 21:30 at the Leopold Hotel, Leopold Street, Sheffield, England S1 2GZ

This is a free event for First5 members for South Yorkshire North Trent but places are limited so please book your place now if you would like to attend by following the link:

<https://rcgpportal.force.com/s/!-event?site=a0d0Y00000AeOP6QAN&id=a1U1i000000BWwWEAW>

LMC Buying Group Update

The LMC Buying Group recruitment advertising platform has hosted 160 GP practice vacancies since launching last year and has provided greater exposure for adverts. THIS IS A FREE SERVICE and if you would like to use them when you are next recruiting clinical and non-clinical roles. You will need to upload a form, practices must login to their website, and upload the advert on their recruitment page.

<https://www.lmcbuyinggroups.co.uk/job-vacancies/gp-practice/uk>

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

11th November 2019

COMMENCING
At 7.30 PM

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