

Newsletter – February 2019

LMC Meeting 11th February 2019

At our last LMC meeting we discussed a range of issues in addition to the newsletter articles here including, Smoking Cessation Incentive Scheme & Pharmacy Incentive Scheme.

Retirement of Dr Adrian Cole from Rotherham LMC

A special thanks to Dr Adrian Cole.

During his time on the LMC, latterly as Chairman, he has always represented the GPs of Rotherham with dedication and drive to ensure fairness and the best outcomes for all GP and practices in the town.

He has supported colleagues and practices robustly, and in his dealings with the regulatory bodies, fought to obtain the best for all. He has been a true leader and general practice in the town has been well served by him.

We are all very grateful for his work over the years.

LMC Elections 2019

We recently wrote to all Rotherham GPs and Practice Managers regarding the elections for the ten LMC Members for the new term

commencing 1st April 2019-31st March 2022. The deadline for nominations was 22nd February 2019.

As there were nine nominations it has not been necessary to call an election this time. The following GPs will therefore form the composition of your LMC from 1st April 2019.

Dr B Chandran, Dr A Davies, Dr J Eversden, Dr R Fulbrook, Dr G Muthoo, Dr C Myers, Dr N Ravi, Dr S Sukumar and Dr N Thorman.

Dr A Cole, Dr M Kavanagh and Dr K Kasaraneni have stepped down, and we thank them for their contribution during the last term.

LES Specifications 2019-20

The LMC have reviewed the proposed changes to thirteen LESs in advance of the new financial year. Practices are advised to wait for a further briefing paper from Dr Thorman before deciding whether to sign-up to the revised LESs.

Anticoagulation LES.

The CCG have provided answers to two issues we raised. The first is whether a patient being discharged with an unstable INR could count as an initiation from the primary care point of view.

The CCG confirmed that, yes, unstable discharges can be counted as initiations by the practice. Secondly, whether a patient discharged from hospital that needs re-initiation could count as an initiation as well. The CCG have stated that it would depend on the circumstances, and the LMC have been asked to provide an example. If it's full initiation then this would be considered.

Care Home LES.

The LMC highlighted the condition that where a resident is admitted on a temporary basis, and this becomes permanent further down the line, then a practice should be able to claim for it. The CCG have agreed this is acceptable.

Quality Contract Appeals.

The CCG have taken LMC comments on board and agreed to revert to the original process, and put all communications with practices in writing to give greater clarity. If monies are withheld, then practices will be informed at the first stage so that they have an opportunity to prove, for example, that they have done the work and highlight any issues with miscoding.

GPC Contract Roadshow

The GPC have arranged 30 seminars across England to update GPs and Practice Managers on the new contract.

The roadshows provide a valuable opportunity for you to hear from one of the Executive Team of the GPC on the 2019/20 contract changes, with an opportunity to ask questions afterwards.

The nearest roadshow to us is being hosted by Sheffield LMC and the GPC speaker is Dr Krishna Kasaraneni.

The meeting will start at 7pm, (with light refreshment from 6.30pm) on Thursday 14th March at Sheffield Town Hall, S1 2HH

Further information here:-

<https://www.bma.org.uk/events/2019/march/gpc-contract-roadshows-sheffield>

To register, contact Emma Birtles at

adminassistant@sheffieldlmc.org.uk

End of Year Equipment Purchases

Despite LMC comments, the CCG confirmed the process would remain as it is, albeit with the stipulation removed regarding which brands can be purchased. There was a commitment that the LMC would be consulted first in future years.

Quality Contract 2019-20

LMC Members considered a briefing note from the CCG regarding further

amendments, and noted that the CCG had been largely receptive to the LMCs suggestions. However, the issue of inclusion of Teledermatology remains. The LMC still felt that, as this was a pilot scheme, it should not be in the Quality Contract.

District Nurse Interface with Practice Nurses

There appears to have been an increase in collaborative working with district nursing teams and the issue that prompted this review (BPs and the threat to recharge) seems to have been resolved.

The offer to take on diabetes reviews in the housebound is also welcomed. There is some concern that there remains variability across Rotherham regarding nursing teams' awareness of what they should be able to take on.

When the LMC met, we discussed a tick list on the district nurse referral form and this would appear to be a good way of communicating to practices the limit of what can be expected and to district nurse teams the extent of what can be expected. The LMC offered to put a draft together based on the existing practice-nurse/district-nurse interface document.

BMA's GP practice support services

The GPC writes: - *The BMA has launched its GP practice support services campaign, aimed at GP partners and*

practice managers in the UK, this week.

As a GP partner and BMA member, we've made it simple to access a range of practice support services in one place. The GP or their practice manager can call the BMA to discuss their practice needs. This includes access to HR support provided by the BMA's employer advice service, legal services from BMA Law, financial and insurance services, and of course advice from the GPC policy team. Members could also join one of our learning and development courses.

To discuss their requirements practices are asked to call 0300 123 1233 or email support@bma.org.uk.

Routine prescribing of OTC medicines

As part of the contract agreement, NHS England has written [a letter to GP practices](#) to provide assurance that practices will not be at risk of breaching their contract when following OTC prescribing guidance.

Five-year GP Contract Framework & Indemnity costs

The GPC writes: - *One of the key aims within this agreement is the abolition of the personal expense of indemnity cover across the profession, and the introduction of a state-backed indemnity scheme to begin in April 2019. This will mean that all GPs and practice staff will be covered, thereby freeing GPs from the significant risk*

of rapidly rising indemnity costs.

Following some queries since the announcement, we have had discussions with the medical defence organisations regarding the likely indemnity costs for their membership offering after April, and so far we can share the following information:

The MDOs are in the later stages of pricing the post-April product and we expect them to announce this soon. We would advise all GPs to remain members of one of the MDOs to ensure they have cover for GMC, criminal/coroners cases, private reports etc.

There will be a competitive market for this cover after April and this is likely to influence pricing decisions

In the meantime all indications suggest the market rate for this cover is likely to be broadly in range with our expectations

Renewals falling due before April 1st are likely to be in line with current costs

All trainees will be covered for clinical negligence under the CNSGP scheme.

FIT Test

FIT (Faecal Immunochemical test) is being introduced for patients presenting in primary care with suspected bowel cancer symptoms (introduced during the PLTC session in July 2018)

Implementation of FIT is part of a programme of work to develop a system wide Lower GI Pathway bringing together work undertaken by the SYB

ICS, the Cancer Alliance and the Yorkshire and Humber Academic Health Science Network

The use of FIT will be rolled out week commencing 4th March 2019 with Sheffield taking the lead on pathology for the whole system.

Further info from:-

janet.sinclair-pinder@nhs.net

CGL

Gemma Hewitt, CGL Services Manager writes:-

CGL are holding an evening event for GP Shared Care Leads to attend on Thursday 28th February 2019 6pm-8pm at Carnson House, 1 Moorgate Road, Rotherham S60 2EN

This will be hosted by myself and our Consultant Psychiatrist Dr Chris Flemons. The aim of the event is to provide GP Shared Care leads an opportunity to regularly meet with one another and shape the forum so GP's benefit from attending. Chris and I are committed to the Shared Care offer and want to improve the relationships with GP's

Our agenda for the evening will focus on agreeing a terms of reference and we have included the Naloxone offer and Espranor as a result of feedback received from GP's.

We will be providing food and refreshments for those attending. Further info call:-

01709 917649

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 March 2019

COMMENCING
At 7.30 PM

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