

Newsletter – May 2015

LMC Meeting 11th May 2015

At our last LMC meeting we discussed a range of issues including; commissioning of minor operations and phlebotomy, flu vaccines, NRT/Chamix prescriptions and a public health contracts overarching agreement.

Breast Screening

We are aware that a request is being made by the breast screening team to all practices to write to patients who DNA their breast screening appointment. This is different from the advice relayed to us via the CCG, which was that the breast screening team has:-

"good evidence that they get more attendance after a DNA if the letter comes from a practice, however what they were asking is if they could use a practice letter head and send it out on behalf of both practice and screening team to encourage DNA or if a practice wasn't keen on this idea then to pay practice to do this."

Practices are advised to take no further action until receiving further advice from us. In the meantime please report any problems to us.

Winter pressure monies

We encourage practices to begin to look at ideas for expenditure now so that there is plenty of time to plan before winter. Practices can feed ideas to us in order to raise with the CCG in good time.

Headache referrals to Neurology

Sheffield Teaching Hospitals have advised practices that referrals would be bounced back where they do not meet NICE guidance (ref GC150).

Will practices please let the LMC know if there are any instances of referrals bounced back where NICE guidelines have been followed.

Physician's Assistants

Training practices have been asked for expressions of interest for Physician's Assistants.

The LMC questioned whether a training grant of similar value to that provided for GP registrar training is realistic given the extra supervision, feedback and reporting requirements and reduced productivity that might be expected initially.

The BMA have made it clear in discussions with NHSE,

that this new role is not a replacement for GPs and their education, training, regulation, indemnity and funding all need to be addressed first.

For these reasons, practices are advised to exercise caution in participating in this scheme.

Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks

As you will be aware, NHS England stopped funded DBS with practices being advised to use Yorkshire and Humber Commissioning Support (YCHS). YCHS ceased to process criminal record checks for external organisations from 30th April, due to them not being selected for the national lead provider procurement framework (they will cease to exist from 31st March 2016).

Practices are reminded that DBS checks are one of the services offered by the LMC Buying Group. More information at

<http://www.lmcbuyinggroup.co.uk/suppliers/profile/dbS-checks-processing-service/>

GMS Ready Reckoner 2015/16

You may be interested to know that NHS Employers has published a GMS ready reckoner for 2015/16. It is the spreadsheet labelled on the website as GMS ready reckoner:

<http://www.england.nhs.uk/contract/missioning/gp-contract/>

Obligations on the retirement or admission of a GP Partner

You might have thought there were already enough hoops to jump through when dealing with the admission or retirement of a partner – but the CQC Regulations added yet another.

In recent months plans have had to be re-scheduled, often at the 11th hour, as a result of failure of practices to deal with CQC within the appropriate time frame. The procedure to follow to ensure your Partnership CQC Registration is up to date and compliant will depend upon whether your partnership was registered with the CQC pre or post 04 February 2013.

For further information Hempsons solicitors have a useful online guide available here:-

http://www.hempsons.co.uk/news/cqc-obligations-retirement-admission-gp-partner/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=CQC+obligations+on+the+retirement+or+admission+of+a+Partner&utm_content=CQC+obligations+on+the+retirement+or+admission+of+a+Partner+CID_e5df2634d38dabc672cf73af6131caef&utm_source=Email%20marketing%20software&utm_term=Click%20here%20to%20access%20the%20guide

Business rules – enhanced services

The first batch of Enhanced Service Business Rules for 2015/16 have now been published on the HSCIC website at the below link:

<http://www.hscic.gov.uk/esbrv5>

This includes Dementia, Learning Disabilities, Rotavirus and Pneumococcal with others to follow as and when completed and timeframes agreed.

Written reflection

Dear Rotherham LMC,

I am a newly qualified GP and, alongside my clinical work, I am a GP Research Fellow at the University of Bath, in association with the School of Primary Care, Health Education South West. Our research is looking at the pros and cons of written reflection. We are trying to reach as many GPs and GP trainees as possible to complete a short survey to allow them to voice their views. Would it be possible for you to include something in your next newsletter? I am happy to answer any queries.
Dr Pamela Curtis

The link to the survey is here:

<https://bathreg.onlinesurvey.ac.uk/general-practice-written-reflection-survey-2>

Laptop for GPs

Andy Clayton was named as a contact for any problems with laptops which couldn't be resolved via the IT helpdesk.

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

NEXT

LMC MEETING

8th JUNE

COMMENCING

AT 7.30 PM

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