

Newsletter – June 2018

LMC Meeting 11th June 2018

At our last LMC meeting we discussed a range of issues, including, Quality Contract 2018/19, Rotherham Health Record, Breathing Space Data Sharing Agreement, GDPR, and RMBC Public Health contracts.

Hepatitis C Pathway

The CCG are currently progressing a pathway for Hepatitis C.

The LMC view is that before this work advances it needs to be acknowledged that this is a transfer of work from secondary to primary care and should not move forward without appropriate resourcing.

Dementia LES 2018-19

Further to our concerns around the Termination of Agreement clause, the CCG have amended this to our satisfaction.

Quality Contract 2018-19.

There have been further discussions with the CCG and we welcome the changes made, including the removal of several of the KPI's which were beyond the control of practices to influence. These changes are a positive move

in the right direction, but the LMC still has several outstanding concerns which need addressing. These relate to the lack of progress and information on the process of bookable 111 appointments, the lack of a detailed read code journal/templates to use for SystmOne/EMIS users, as well as the lack of any monitoring software (how am I driving).

It is recognised that the Quality Contract is an evolving process which is due for further ongoing review, where we hope these issues will be dealt with. We advise practices to bear this in mind when considering the contract.

Health Checks

There has been some disquiet amongst Practices relating to the proposed data extraction via CQRS.

We have received this response from RMBC.

When Parkwood failed to reach agreement with GPs for the data the option that is outlined on the NHS Health check mandate is for the council to apply to NHS digital for the data. So it's actually RMBC that will get the data, but will then allow our health check provider, currently Parkwood, to use it for this purpose. The IG Dept. of

RMBC and the legal team have reviewed the application and approved its submission as the only way for RMBC to be able to fulfil the health check mandate.

CGL – Summary letters from GPs

The LMC have learned there is no data sharing agreement between CGL and RDaSH. Consequently, CGL have been writing to practices seeking comprehensive patient data. A sample letter has been reviewed by the LMC and our view is that it is not the GPs place to be providing this much background data. We are seeking a meeting with CGL to discuss this further.

National Diabetes Prevention Programme.

The LMC have been made aware of the correspondence on 25th May with GP Practices regarding NDPP advising “Once you have identified the patients at risk (by following the guide attached) please send the ‘Patient offer letter’ along with a copy of the ‘Patient Information leaflet for NDPP’ to your patients at risk – (Max. 50 patients per week until you have contacted them all)”.

No-one has been told this is a mandatory requirement.

Although NDPP is referenced in the Quality Contract, the message from CCG is simply 'to engage'. Consequently, the LMC view is that practices should think carefully about their own communication costs before deciding to participate in the full patient mailing of your clinical registers.

Rotherham Health Record

The LMC have had concerns regarding the validity of patient consent for the new Rotherham Health Record. We have received the following written advice provided by the CCG:-

The ICO representative advised that our rationale and approach to the Rotherham Health Record were acceptable reasons for sharing the information. He then noted that he would not expect many complaints to the ICO based on this sharing model, however, should they receive a complaint about information being used without an individual's knowledge, they would look at the measures that were taken to inform the population.

He advised that they would look at the Privacy Notices organisations had in place re the Rotherham Health Record and the communications programme used to inform the public, to determine how robust this was. The ICO representative indicated that if best efforts had been made to inform as many of the population as possible (in a variety of ways) then it was unlikely that further action would be taken.

GDPR

The GPC are encouraging LMCs to write to CCGs asking them for a schedule of what local arrangements / agreements are already in place for processing data under Article 28 of GDPR.

Dr Dean Eggitt, GPC Representative for South Yorkshire.

Please see the link below to read Dr Eggitt's annual update:-

http://www.doncasterlmc.co.uk/gpc-update_2018.html

New GPC electronic discussion forum for Trainers, Educational supervisors and undergraduate teachers

To assist the GPC to represent Trainers, Educational supervisors and undergraduate teachers better they have set up a new list server, and member Practices and Sessional Educators are welcome to join. In particular the GPC envisage that these discussions will potentially provide them with evidence for negotiations for pay uplifts for educational roles.

In order to join the electronic discussion group (list server) please can GPs email Karen Day directly at:-

kday@bma.org.uk

expressing their wish to be on this new listserver. Karen will then send them the T&Cs, and add them.

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

23rd July 2018

COMMENCING
At 7.30 PM

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