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Doncaster LMC February Update



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**Information and Website Updates**

**Looking for advice? LMC Website Updates**

**Many of the questions asked by practices to Doncaster LMC have already been asked before, and the answers can often be found on our website.**

**We have integrated a Google Search function on our homepage so you can even search our archive of monthly updates. If you have a query, try searching our website first – it might save you time.**

[**www.doncasterlmc.co.uk**](http://www.doncasterlmc.co.uk)

**Executive Team Update**

Doncaster LMC would like to extend our thanks to David Gibbons (Executive Officer) for his work on the executive team since April 2016. We wish David all the best as he now moves into a new role. As the [liaison@doncasterlmc.co.uk](mailto:liaison@doncasterlmc.co.uk) email will no longer be active please forward any correspondence onto [office@doncasterlmc.co.uk](mailto:office@doncasterlmc.co.uk)

**GP Improvement Leaders Programme**

Further to last month’s January update, the dates for the Leeds and Manchester GP Improvement Leaders courses have been published.

**LOCATION START DATES BOOKINGS OPEN**

**Leeds** 24th and 25th April 2018 Tuesday 20th February 2018

**Manchester**  9th and 10th May 2018 Wednesday 7th March 2018

Further information can be accessed via the link below:

[**https://www.england.nhs.uk/gp/gpfv/redesign/gpdp/capability/**](https://www.england.nhs.uk/gp/gpfv/redesign/gpdp/capability/)

You will need to apply for your own place on the course. If notified that you are successful, then you can apply to **Primary Care Doncaster** for backfill as per the arrangements described previously. **Please note backfill is only available to clinicians**.

**DBS Checks for Doncaster Practices**

The LMC have recently been in contact with **uCheck**, providing a DBS service for a number of Doncaster practices. We are pleased to announce that uCheck have agreed to an additional discount for all Doncaster practices. Simply confirm with us if you are using the service via: [**office@doncasterlmc.co.uk**](mailto:office@doncasterlmc.co.uk)and we will update them accordingly.

* **No set up fee – (Usually £19.99 +VAT) – *Applicable to any practices not using the service***
* **£51.20 (including VAT) per DBS Enhanced Check – (Usually £53.20)**

**£33.20 (including VAT) per DBS Standard Check  - (Usually £35.20)**

**Online complaints from patients**

Please note a recent article published on **GP Online**, providing advice on how to respond to online complaints from patients:

<https://www.gponline.com/responding-online-complaints-patients/article/1456425>

Practices can also access BMA guidance on dealing with unfair comments on websites via the link below:

<https://www.bma.org.uk/advice/employment/gp-practices/service-provision/dealing-with-unfair-comments-on-websites>

**An update on the indemnity scheme**

The BMA are working with the Department of Health and Social Care on the details of a state-backed indemnity scheme. To support their commitment to this they have issued the following update:

“*Following the Secretary of State’s announcement on 12 October 2017 of a state-backed indemnity scheme for general practice in England, the Government has started work with GPs and their representatives to develop a more stable and more affordable indemnity scheme for general practice.*

*This will require significant complex work before it can be implemented, including further work with GP representatives and other parties to develop our plans.*

*We expect to announce further details of the scheme in May 2018, with the scheme going live from April 2019. Until the scheme is in place, GPs should continue to ensure they have appropriate indemnity cover in line with GMC requirements to enable them to practise.  We want to ensure that the scheme works best for general practice and their patients and provides value for money for government. As part of this work, we are commissioning a survey so that we can draw on an informed and up to date view of the GP indemnity market as we design the scheme.  The survey will commence shortly, and we want to encourage GPs who are contacted to take part, as well as other health professionals working in general practice, to respond.”*

**GP Trainee pay reimbursements to practices**

There was a risk that GP trainee pay reimbursements in Wessex, Yorkshire and Thames Valley areas (where there are no single lead employer arrangements) were potentially going to be problematic again this month.  The BMA have raised this urgently with NHS England who have since assured the BMA that they were able to work to resolve the problem so that it should not result in delays if the practices have submitted the [relevant information](https://pcse.england.nhs.uk/help/gp-payments/gp-trainee-reimbursements-for-practices-in-non-lead-employer-areas-only/).  If practices find themselves in a position where the payments did not come through, please let the LMC office know and we will flag it with the BMA.

**Maximising your income from Prostap**

**Prostap** is a prescription only injectable medicine containing leuprorelin acetate used to treat a number of conditions including prostate cancer and endometriosis.

The current cheapest supplier of this drug is via **CLARITYpharma**:

<https://www.claritydtp.com/>

There is currently an **income opportunity** where this drug is purchased by the practice, personally administered and then the cost of the drug reclaimed from the prescription pricing authority.

**Third Next Appointment Collection from General Practices**

In October 2017, NHS England commissioned the North of England CSU to collect third next appointment data from each general practice to better understand waiting times and quantify the pressure general practice is under.  The data collected has been used to give an indication of the amount of time a patient would theoretically have waited for an appointment when the booking was made.

A second collection has been commissioned for March 2018.  **Every practice will receive a call from the supporting call centre that lasts no longer than four minutes.**

For any queries please email [england.gpaccess@nhs.net](mailto:england.gpaccess@nhs.net)

**Updated Guidance**

**Prescribing**

The GPC prescribing policy group have recently updated their documents on:

[Focus on anticipatory prescribing for end of life care](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.bma.org.uk%2Fadvice%2Femployment%2Fgp-practices%2Fservice-provision%2Fprescribing%2Ffocus-on-anticipatory-prescribing-for-end-of-life-care&data=02%7C01%7C%7C225bac37ba54470140f608d56ee186b0%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C636536837262086977&sdata=u5YXZLz2TdGYiEMK0k0K4BZZ1Mfsht2YIbL2uBRav%2BQ%3D&reserved=0)

[Focus on excessive prescribing](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.bma.org.uk%2Fadvice%2Femployment%2Fgp-practices%2Fservice-provision%2Fprescribing%2Ffocus-on-excessive-prescribing&data=02%7C01%7C%7C225bac37ba54470140f608d56ee186b0%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C636536837262086977&sdata=fNRUoDQorGXsz3xxkiFfom9dRq7eg7ARxecaW3KP6fM%3D&reserved=0).

Both are available on the [BMA website prescribing pages](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.bma.org.uk%2Fadvice%2Femployment%2Fgp-practices%2Fservice-provision%2Fprescribing&data=02%7C01%7C%7C225bac37ba54470140f608d56ee186b0%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C636536837262086977&sdata=fzvln7y1unOVEqVbnFvOVOftzpG1C4ApH6CWxJo5TBM%3D&reserved=0) and the prescribing policy group are in the process of reviewing all their guidance, so there will be further updates in the coming months.

**Reasonable needs of patients**

Please note that new BMA guidance is available on meeting the reasonable needs of patients, which has been drafted in response to NHS England guidance issued to commissioners. It is available here:

<https://www.bma.org.uk/advice/employment/gp-practices/service-provision/access-to-gps-for-patients>

**What do I need to know when I retire?**

BMA retired members conference chair Richard Rawlins wrote a column for the BMJ’s regular [Careers Clinic](http://careers.bmj.com/careers/advice/Careers_Clinic%3A_What_do_I_need_to_know_when_I_retire%3F) feature this week asking what doctors need to know as they face retirement.   
  
Mr Rawlins said: “The BMA's planning for retirement seminars are an ideal way to prepare for this final stage of your career. These seminars take place across the country, with expert speakers providing a thorough explanation of the common retirement issues.”



**General Data Protection Regulation**

Some NHS specific GDPR guidance has been published by NHS Digital and four PDFs are now available with clearer reference to application for Health and Social Care. However, please remember the final law has not yet been drafted yet and to this end **Doncaster LMC is in the process of producing easy read guidance and templates for you to use**. In the meantime please find the link below to the NHS Digital PDFs:-

<https://digital.nhs.uk/information-governance-alliance/General-Data-Protection-Regulation-guidance>

**Vaccine Ordering for 2018-19 Influenza Season**

Further to our recent email on 6th February 2018, NHS England has now published guidance on the ordering of **seasonal influenza vaccines for next winter (2018/19)**.

*Please click*[*here*](https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/vaccine-ordering-18-19-influenza-season-gp-pharm.pdf)*to access the document.*

In summary this recommends the use of the:

**Adjuvanted trivalent vaccine (aTIV) for all 65s and over**

**Quadrivalent vaccine (QIV) for 18 – under 65s at risk**

The deadline for ordering has now been extended until **29th March 2018**.

If necessary, practices should switch to the more effective vaccine, and suppliers have agreed to keep the same prices as previously agreed.

You can also access the BMA’s updated **vaccinations and immunisation** guidance via the link below:

<https://www.bma.org.uk/advice/employment/gp-practices/service-provision/vaccination>

**European study on eHealth usage among GPs**

[BDI research](http://www.bdiresearch.com/) would like to invite GPs in the UK to participate in a study they are conducting among GPs in all European countries. The study is sponsored by the European Commission with the aim of obtaining a better understanding on the use of Information and Communication Technologies among General Practitioners in their daily activities.  
  
Participation would consist of answering an online questionnaire with a duration of 15-20 minutes. **The result of your contribution will ultimately benefit both healthcare professionals and patients**. All information you provide will remain strictly confidential, following all applicable data protection regulations and market research associations’ ethical guidelines. Please click on the link to [take part](https://goo.gl/mBqxJS) in the survey and then click on the SMART 2017 link at the top of the page.

**5min UK national survey mapping adult ADHD services**

Please complete this 5-minute survey on ADHD Transitions run by RCPCH and CAPSS- RCPsych which aims to find out what services are out there for young people with ADHD when they reach the age boundary for children’ services.

The survey is funded by NIHR and supported nationally by the Clinical Research Network. Please click on the link below to complete the survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/adultADHDservices2018>

Visit the research’s team website; <http://medicine.exeter.ac.uk/catchus/mapping/> for more information.

**Primary Care Responsibilities in Regard To Requests by Private On-Line Medical Service Providers to Prescribe Hormone Treatments for Transgender People**

A number of trans and non-binary individuals access private on-line medical services, often because of long waiting lists into an NHS-commissioned Gender Identity Clinic. The online provider may make a diagnosis of gender dysphoria through remote contact with the patient and in such cases a private prescription may be issued, or the patient’s GP will be asked to issue a NHS prescription. Either way, it is likely that the patient’s GP will be asked by the online provider to assume responsibility for monitoring and testing and for passing the results of the monitoring and testing to the private on-line service.

NHS England have now provided advice on the responsibilities upon an individual’s GP in such cases in regard to issuing the prescription, and for monitoring and testing.

**General principles** The following general principles are based upon the Department of Health issued guidance “NHS Patients Who Wish to Pay for Additional Private Care” (2009). The NHS should not withdraw NHS care because a patient chooses to buy private care, nor should patients who access private care be placed at an advantage or disadvantage in relation to the NHS care they receive

* The NHS should continue to provide free of charge all care that the patient would have been entitled to had they not chosen to have additional private care
* Where the same diagnostic, monitoring or other procedure is needed for both the NHS and private elements of care, the NHS should provide this free of charge and share the results with the private provider

These general principles should be considered alongside the General Medical Council’s “Good Practice in Prescribing and Managing Medicines and Devices” (updated 2014) which states:

* The clinician is responsible for the prescriptions he/she signs and for his/her decision and actions when supplying and administering medicines or when others are authorised or instructed to do so
* Drugs and other treatment should only be prescribed when a clinician has adequate knowledge of a patient’s health and is satisfied that the drugs or treatment serves the patient’s needs
* If a clinician prescribes at the recommendation of another, he/she must satisfy themselves that the prescription is needed, appropriate for the patient and within the limits of their competence. The clinician should question any recommendation which is considered unsafe

Also of relevance in the current context is the General Medical Council’s guidance on “Doctors Treating Trans Patients” (2015): <https://www.gmc-uk.org/guidance/28851.asp>

* GPs must cooperate with Gender Identity Clinics and other gender specialists by prescribing medications, providing follow up and making referrals as recommended by those specialists
* It may be appropriate for a GP to issue a prescription where an individual is already self-prescribing via an unregulated source, and where the prescription is intended to mitigate a risk of self-harm and is supported by appropriate specialist advice

**Summary**

Regulatory guidance and NHS England’s current commissioning protocol supports a decision by a GP to accept a request made by a private on-line medical service to assume responsibility for prescribing, and for monitoring and testing, in cases where the GP is assured that the recommendation is made by an expert gender specialist working for a provider that offers a safe and effective service.

A GP may reasonably decline to accept responsibility for prescribing, monitoring and testing if the GP is not assured that the recommendation for prescribing has been made by an expert gender specialist, as long as the GP is also satisfied that declining responsibility would not pose a significant clinical risk to the individual. It is reasonable for the GP to ask the provider to demonstrate that it has the necessary expertise before responding to the provider’s request.

All requests should be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Further information can be [found on the following link](http://www.doncasterlmc.co.uk/Primary%20Care%20Responsibilities%20re%20Requests%20by%20Private%20On-Line%20Medical%20Service%20Providers%20to%20P.pdf)

**Physician Associates Careers Fair**

Hull York Medical School (HYMS) is pleased to host the third **Yorkshire & Humber Physician Associate Careers Fair**.

**DATE: Friday 13th April 2018 (11.30am - 4.30pm - specific time tbc)**

**VENUE: Canham Turner Building, University of Hull, Cottingham Road, Hull, HU6 7RX**

Practices are invited to exhibit at this event should you wish in order to promote PA vacancies and discuss potential career opportunities.

Over 200 trainee PAs will be invited to attend. Approximately 125 PAs are due to complete their studies, including passing of the national PA examination, in either **September 2018** or **January 2019**.

The Careers Fair is being hosted in partnership with **Health Education England**, working across the Yorkshire and Humber Region and the universities in the region who deliver physician associate programmes (i.e. Bradford University, HYMS, Leeds Medical School, and Sheffield Hallam University and Sheffield Medical School).

Should you be interested in this and to help with the planning of this event, you can [**complete this booking form**](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fyork.qualtrics.com%2Fjfe%2Fform%2FSV_6lBpposC5UCABLL&data=02%7C01%7C%7C22316559b6f64a18bf0e08d57225a61a%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C636540429180675915&sdata=lHOncbGQQsvAG%2BVQ8p9U8KQ1yvH9iZ65vJl0fdAM788%3D&reserved=0). Further details will be supplied to exhibitors nearer the time.

Further information about physician associates can be found here:

<http://www.fparcp.co.uk/>

**LOCALITY ENGAGEMENT STRUCTURE - VOTE**

After previous GP 360 feedback and consultations on the locality engagement structure both at the majority of locality meetings and at the Primary Care Event, Castle Park on 1st March voting papers are currently being sent out to all GP practices.

The vote is to decide upon which locality engagement structure is to replace the current 5 locality model; North East, North West, Central, South East and South West.

1. 1 Commissioning Locality (council of members); or
2. 4 Commissioning Localities; North, South, East and Central.

Please consider your vote carefully and return by 12noon Wednesday 14th March to;

Doncaster LMC Ltd, The Oakwood Surgery, Masham Road, Doncaster, DN4 6BU or

[office@doncastrlmc.co.uk](mailto:office@doncastrlmc.co.uk)

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**Job Vacancies**

**Our monthly update is sent to all LMCS in the SY area. We are be happy to advertise any of your vacancies**

**For the full details on any of these vacancies please see the separate attachment in our email!**

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| Vacancy | Practice | Closing Date |
| Partner / Salaried GP | **Field Road Surgery** | **N/A** |
| Partner / Salaried GP | **Dunsville Medical Centre** | **N/A** |
| Partner / Salaried GP | **The New Surgery** | **N/A** |
| Salaried GP | **St John's Group Practice** | **N/A** |
| Salaried GP | **Tickhill & Colliery** | **N/A** |
| Salaried GP | **The Lakeside Practice** | **N/A** |
| Salaried GP | **West End Clinic** | **N/A** |
| Salaried GP | **White House Farm** | **N/A** |
| Salaried GP | **Mexborough Health Centre** | **N/A** |
| Receptionist / Administrator | **Park View Surgery** | **N/A** |
| Locum Nurse | **The Mayflower Medical Practice** | **N/A** |

We would like to wish a warm welcome to Dr Marney Khan who joins Frances Street Medical Centre as a partner from 1st April 2018.

**Monthly Update**

**MONTHLY REMINDER TO ALL GPS THAT THE LMC OFFICERS ARE WILLING AND ABLE TO PROVIDE ADVICE AND SUPPORT (TOGETHER WITH REPRESENTATION, IF REQUIRED), TO ANY GP WHO MAY BE THE SUBJECT OF A COMPLAINT**

**Concerned about a colleague?**

NHS General Practice is under unprecedented pressure.  As such, we are all at risk of work related stress, burn out and depression.

Often, the symptoms of these are insidious and can be more obvious to those around us than to ourselves.

So, if you have concerns about a colleague and feel that they need our support, we’d like to hear from you.

Doncaster LMC has launched a confidential web based reporting tool where you can share your concerns about a colleague at risk of burnout and ask for our support.

[**http://www.doncasterlmc.co.uk/coleaguefbk.html**](http://www.doncasterlmc.co.uk/coleaguefbk.html)

This tool is designed to be supportive so that those identified can be helped by Doncaster LMC, signposted on to support services or be personally assisted through difficult times by officers of the committee.

We stress that the online tool must not be used for reporting safety concerns regarding a colleague’s clinical practice. Read more about the tool at:-

[**http://www.pulsetoday.co.uk/your-practice/battling-burnout/gps-given-chance-to-anonymously-raise-concerns-about-colleagues-burnout/20010472.article**](http://www.pulsetoday.co.uk/your-practice/battling-burnout/gps-given-chance-to-anonymously-raise-concerns-about-colleagues-burnout/20010472.article)

***All GPs on Doncaster Performers List (including medical students) are welcome to attend any LMC meeting as an observer. Please let the office know if you plan to attend.***

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| **Next LMC Meeting** | |
| **When?** | **Monday 5th March 2018** |
| **Time?** | **7:30pm** |
| **Venue**? | **Doncaster Golf Club**  **DN4 7NY** |

