



The Humberside Group of Local Medical Committees Ltd

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The LMC Newsletter is a round-up of interesting news and information for GPs and Practice Managers in Hull, East Yorkshire, North Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire. You can read from top to bottom or alternatively, use the contents section to jump to items of interest. Items marked with a * and in orange on the content list are highlighted either because of their importance or because they contain information you may not yet have seen elsewhere.

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EVENTS, OPPORTUNITIES & TRAINING

LMC Seminar: Premises & Partnership Agreements

Date: Tuesday 24 March 2015
Time: 1.30pm to 3.30pm (sandwiches available from 1pm)
Venue: Hallmark Hotel, Ferriby High Road, Hull, HU14 3LG

Book now for this event, it's one you won't want to miss! Lynne Abbess of Hempsons is travelling north especially for Humberside LMC to provide this essential update on key issues relating to Premises & Partnership Agreements. Whether you're in talks about merger or are simply frustrated in your dealings with NHS Property Services over premises issues, this seminar is packed with useful information and advice.

Who should attend?

GP Partners and Practice Managers

What will the session cover?

The session will focus on two key areas:

1. Partnership Agreements

- Is your Partnership Agreement up to date and fit for purpose?
- The Essentials - important factors to consider when reviewing your Partnership Agreement
- What to look out for in Mergers
- Common failings of Partnership Agreements - real examples of problems that commonly arise between GP Partners
- Dealing with conflict between partners

2. Premises

- The Essentials - important factors to consider before taking on a lease
- Different types of lease arrangements
- Dealings with your third party landlord (including NHS Property Services)
- Update on the revised Premises Cost Directions and new "NHS Lease"

Who is the main speaker?

Lynne Abbess is a Partner at Hempsons. Lynne has 30 years of experience specialising in the primary care sector, with an in depth understanding of how the sector functions and of the concerns of those operating within it. Lynne specialises in property and partnership law.

Lynne is the 'legal face' of GP Advice Line, a free legal advice line service operated in partnership with GP Magazine, and she also regularly contributes to GP Magazine through their Q&A column, and in articles. For many years she has also been a Legal columnist for Medeconomics.

"Lynne Abbess is 'very much "the queen" of medical partnerships' and 'understands all the intricacies of this very specialist world'." Legal 500, 2013

How much does it cost?

There is a £25 charge for this event and CPD certificates will be issued to all participants.

What else do I need to know?

Hempsons have kindly offered to make a number of free 10 minute appointments available to practices before and after the event. This is an opportunity to speak to one of Hempsons' solicitors

on a private basis for a brief discussion about any issues that relate to your own practice. If you would like to take advantage of this offer, you will need to book a time slot as the number of places are limited. **Please book your delegate place first.** When the booking confirmation page appears, you will be given the option to click through to book a time slot for your one to one appointment.

[Click here to your seminar place online.](#)

Election of GPC Prison GP representative, 2015-2018

The BMA's General Practitioners Committee represents all UK GPs - partners and sessional GMS and PMS, men and women, whether members of the BMA or not. It is important that the composition of the committee reflects the diversity and all the interests of the profession. To achieve this, the more doctors standing for election for the GPC seats, the better.

The GPC is currently looking for a GP who provides NHS primary care in prisons and other secure environments to represent other GPs who work in similar settings.

The GPC's remit covers all the areas of work affecting all GPs. GPs who want to change things need to get in there and do something about it. Anyone even vaguely considering election, is urged to look on the BMA website or contact Holly Higgs hhiggs@bma.org.uk to find out more details.

Deadline for nominations for a prison GP representative: 12 March 2015. [Read more and download the information pack here.](#)

Medicines Management - Reducing risk in your Practice: A free seminar

12.30pm-1.30pm, Tuesday 17 March 2015

Venue: Learning Development Centre (LDC) –Scunthorpe

Outcome 9 of the CQC Essential Standards of Quality and Safety: Management of Medicines, says "People should be given the medicines they need when they need them, and in a safe way". Providers must have evidence that they meet these outcomes.

- According to Clinical Risk Self Assessments (CRSAs) conducted by the Medical Protection Society (MPS) at more than 150 practices across the UK and Ireland in 2013, prescribing continues to be one of the top five risks in general practice.
- Data from assessments conducted in 2013 revealed that 95.4% of practices visited had risks relating to the prescribing system. Common specific examples include uncollected scripts, repeat prescribing systems, and administrative staff changing medications on the computer.

Yorkshire and Humber Commissioning Support medicines management experts have experience of best practice in prescribing and are running this free seminar to share examples and our insights into how you can implement risk-managed protocols in your environment.

[Register here.](#)

Freedom from Torture North West – Seeking Volunteer Doctors

Medical Foundation Medico-legal Report Writing Service

Freedom from Torture (FfT) is a national human rights charity offering care and rehabilitation to survivors of torture.

The North West centre in Manchester is seeking to recruit volunteer doctors to join our medical team who write medico-legal reports on people who have experienced torture who are living in the North West and **Yorkshire and Humber**.

A two-day induction training will be offered in Manchester on the 3rd and 4th of June 2015 as well as ongoing CPD and support. There will be a follow up half day in Manchester in the morning of the 18th June 2015.

The minimum volunteer hours are one 4 hour session per week

To apply please download the role description and application form on our website and send it to Gilberte Hanania, HR Administrator, at volunteerrecruitment@freedomfromtorture.org

Closing Date: 6 March 2015

For an application pack, email jobs@freedomfromtorture.org or telephone 020 7697 3700

If you are interested in finding out more about medico-legal report writing at FfT, please contact the Centre Manager on 0161 2365744 or for a discussion about the role, please email Lead Doctor; jmiller@freedomfromtorture.org

More information can be found about the work of Freedom from Torture at: www.freedomfromtorture.org.

Opportunity for GP's to Participate in the New & Progressive Local Eye Health Network Steering Group

The Vision for the Local Eye Health Network (LEHN) is for clinical leadership and patient aspirations to be at the heart of local eye care provision. It sits at the heart of a vibrant, active and innovative eye care community creating a unique opportunity for networking and engagement across boundaries. It provides the opportunity for eye health professionals to come together with GPs, public health, patients and the voluntary sector to show leadership, identify priorities, and influence the design of services and pathways to meet patient and population needs. It has the potential to influence the commissioning of eye care services in a way that has never been so powerful.

Success so far has been:

1. Goole Optometry Training Programme: Optometrists spend time within the hospital, seeing patients alongside the Consultant. This has resulted in increased clinic capacity, increased discharge rates and expansion of the skills of Optometrists within the community, providing a foundation upon which more enhanced services can be developed.
2. Implementing robust quality assurance of enhanced services within the community, supporting re-commissioning of higher quality services.

3. Development of top 10 tips for healthy eyes and vision to be the simple consistent healthcare message. Work is now commencing to embed this message across services and out to the public targeting hard to reach groups.
4. Re commissioning of the minor eye conditions service using a consistent pathway has been successful in 3 areas with 3 other CCG reviewing.
5. Work is ongoing to improve cross professional working between optometry, pharmacy and GP practice to ensure correct signposting, promotion of the top 10 tips, streamlining of prescribing eye meds for patients.

The steering group is the power house of the LEHN driving the ideas and work streams which are carried forward by task and finish or locality group meetings. It meets every 3 months for 2 hours plus 1 hours reading approximately is the minimal time commitment required. There is the option if you wish to take part in task and finish time limited group work such as reviewing children eye care services if you wish.

If this has generated an interest please contact Liz Greenwood, Chair of the LEHN for NHS England Yorkshire & The Humber on 07532298046.

GP Recruitment Event

6-8pm 19 March 2015 | Hull Royal Infirmary, HU3 2JZ

The agenda for this evening event is:

18.00 – ‘Why do you want to be a GP?’, ‘Future Opportunities in Primary Care’, ‘How to deal with difficult aspects (eg resilience, portfolio careers etc)’ Mike Holmes, David Rose, Una Macleod

18.30 – ‘The application process – hints, tips and common pitfalls’

19.00 – ‘Life as a GP trainee’ Amy Turnbull

19.30 – Panel Q&A (as above)

20.00 – Drinks/hot food and opportunity to network, ask questions on a 1:1 basis of GP trainees and GPs – trainees will have an opportunity to book a 15 min advice slot in advance.

Book here: <http://www.rcgp.org.uk/professional-development/north-england/humberside-faculty/gp-recruitment-event.aspx>

Funding Available to Support Research Projects - ERYCCG

The East Riding of Yorkshire CCG has identified a small pot of money to support small research projects that aim to increase knowledge in health delivery areas that are recognised as strategic priorities for the CCG. So if you are undertaking or proposing to undertake a research study that requires full or part funding up to £5,000, please read the documents below for further information on how to apply for this support.

[Letter regarding funding bids](#)
[Funding bids application form](#)

CLINICAL ISSUES

New LMC Advice Sheet: Deprivation of Liberty Assessments (DoLS)

The LMC has produced a new advice sheet for GPs on making [Deprivation of Liberty Assessments](#).

PRACTICE MANAGEMENT

Lorenzo / GP Browser Update – Hull & East Yorkshire

The following update on Lorenzo/GP Browser was circulated last week by Hull & East Yorkshire Hospitals Trust:

- From Monday 27th April 2015 the current PatientCentre System will become a read-only archive for historic hospital treatment. You will be able to continue using GP Browser to view **old** correspondence and tests.
- GP Browser will not be available in Lorenzo in its current form.
- HEY expected to be able to provide GP's with a "click through" from GP systems directly into the Lorenzo patient record, giving seamless access for GP's into the hospital record. GP systems suppliers will not sanction this development.
- For go-live on 27th April 2015 therefore, the Trust Information department are developing the ability to provide the lists of patients currently available via GP Browser. **These will be e-mailed daily to each practice.**
- In partnership with Sunquest we are developing the ability to send letters electronically (IDLs etc.) directly into GP systems. Sunquest works this way for Pathology results and this development would as closely as possible replicate that process for Lorenzo correspondence. We hope to be able to make that available from June 2015 onwards.
- We are also working with CSC to further develop Lorenzo to enable GPs to view the full Lorenzo hospital record. To ensure appropriate governance is in place, we need to replicate the role based access level protocols within Lorenzo that create the legitimate relationship based on the patient's registered GP. This may not be available until September/October 2015.
- HEY have requested that CSC also develop the ability within Lorenzo to create list views similar to those available within GP Browser.

ID Checks for New Staff at GP Practices

This alert has been produced by NHS England Cheshire and Merseyside Sub-Regional Team and has been provided to the LMC by the Yorkshire & Humber Sub-Regional Team for circulation in our newsletter. It provides a [useful guide](#) for all practices (regardless of location) about the ID and employment checks that should be completed for new staff being employed at GP Practices.

Publication of mean GP net earnings

From April 2015 it will be a contractual requirement for GMS practices to publish on their practice websites by 31 March 2016 the mean net earnings of the partners, salaried GPs and any locum who has worked in the practice for over six months.

- This includes income from NHS England, CCGs and local authorities for the provision of GP services that relate to the contract or which have been nationally determined.
- All earnings to be reported are pre-tax, National Insurance and employee pension contributions.
- For contractors the figures are net of practice expenses incurred.
- Income and costs related to premises will not be included in this figure.

Alongside the mean figure, practices will be required to publish the number of full and part time GPs in the practice. The information must be published on practice websites before the end of the financial year following the financial year to which that information relates. Practices must also make available the information in hard copy on request – recognising that not all patients will be able to access the website.

NHS England will publish guidance for GPs and their accountants on how mean net earnings should be calculated. Practices, or their accountants, will have to generate the report themselves. NHS England has acknowledged that it can be difficult to disaggregate income and expenditure lines precisely and will recommend that practices should work within the reporting guidelines as far as is reasonably practicable.

GUIDANCE & RESOURCES

Collaborative GP Networks – Guidance for GPs on the Basic Legal Structures

A new publication from the GPC looks at the different types of [legal structures](#) that could be adopted by groups of GPs working together in networks.

You may find the guidance useful if you are asking questions such as:

- Should GP practices consider forming networks?
- Are all practices really faced with the prospect of forming larger organisations in order to survive?

The document covers:

- The current and forthcoming pressures facing primary care
- What practices should be asking themselves to prepare for the future
- Essential components for collaboration
- Benefits to patients and practices
- Legal pros and cons
- Other research and information

The GPC does not endorse or support any specific model, but is seeking to highlight the different ways that GPs can and do organise themselves.

Additional guidance, including key steps to setting up a GP network, is currently being developed and will be launched soon.

England GP contract changes 2015 - frequently asked questions

The BMA has produced a list of FAQs relating to the 2015 GP Contract Changes, which covers:

- Avoiding Unplanned Admission Enhanced Service
- Patient participation
- Alcohol consumption monitoring for newly registered patients
- Named and accountable GP for all patients
- Online appointment booking
- Patients' online access to medical records
- Publication of earnings
- Maternity/paternity/adoption leave
- Assurance on OOH provision
- Quality & Outcomes Framework (QOF)
- Minor surgery
- Armed forces
- Seniority
- Funding Transfer to Global Sum

[Click here to read the FAQs.](#)

The Smear Test Film – For Women with Mild to Moderate Learning Disabilities

A new health education film for women with mild to moderate learning disabilities called 'The Smear Test Film' has been made by Public Health England in association with Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust. The film has been made to help address the inequalities in screening uptake between women with and without learning disabilities (women with learning disabilities are 45% less likely to attend) and to help women make a decision about whether to attend their smear test invitation. It has been designed and made by women who have learning disabilities and aims to give women and their carers information about smear tests and their role in preventing cervical cancer.

This is the YouTube link for the resource: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WxapKFPDwig>

A DVD of the film can be ordered for website at a cost of £3.00 which covers postage and packaging. You can find out more about the film and also order copies of the DVD here:

<http://www.jostrust.org.uk/videos/smear-test-film>

CONSULTATIONS

Open Consultation: Partnership arrangements between NHS bodies and local authorities

The Department of Health is seeking views on bringing NHS England's primary medical care functions into local authorities and health bodies partnership arrangements.

The proposed amendments to the NHS Bodies and Local Authorities Partnership Arrangements Regulations 2000 aim to provide more flexibility around pooled budgets. The suggestion is that this would support more joined-up planning and commissioning.

The proposed change **will make it possible for pooled budgets to include funding for primary medical care**. The aim is to encourage greater integration across community health, social care and primary care.

The proposal will not impose any requirements on areas or NHS England to make use of these additional flexibilities.

This is an important development that will impact on the work of General Practice. The LMC strongly encourages you to read the document and respond to the consultation.

[Read the Consultation Document](#)
[Respond to the Consultation](#)

Consultation closes 8 March 2015.

Consultation: Updating the NHS Constitution

This consultation by the Department of Health proposes to amend the NHS Constitution to respond to recommendations made by Sir Robert Francis QC and to:

- give greater prominence to mental health
- reflect the importance of access to transparent and comparable data
- include the Armed Forces Covenant
- reflect the new fundamental standards in April 2015

Consultation closes 11 March 2015.

[Read the Consultation Document.](#)
[Respond to the Consultation.](#)

The LMC Needs Your Help & Feedback

The purpose of the LMC is to represent and support GPs. We want to continue to perform this role efficiently and proactively, prioritising the things that matter to you. We are therefore seeking your views which we will use to develop our strategy for the next three years.

Without wishing to add to your ever increasing workload, we would be very grateful for some feedback from you via a simple questionnaire which you can access at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2W66QK5>

We estimate that it will take less than 10 minutes to complete. The closing date is Friday 13 March 2015. If you prefer, the questionnaire can be completed anonymously.

Thank you in advance for your help.

GENERAL NEWS

The BMA's No More Games campaign

This week, the BMA has launched its 'No More Games' campaign calling on all political parties to stop playing games with the NHS, focusing on three areas:

No More Games with the public's health;
No More Games with NHS funding; and
No More Games with who is providing healthcare.

The NHS is one of the UK's towering achievements and for too long it's been used to play political games. The BMA believes this must end now and is calling for an open and honest public debate about the future of the NHS. The BMA has not run a major public campaign for some years. The fact that they are doing so now shows how strongly BMA members feel about what's happening to the NHS.

Most BMA members work in the NHS. Decades of political game playing, including successive disruptive and wasteful reorganisations, have taken their toll on the health service. The Punch and Judy politics over the NHS has a direct impact on the care which doctors can provide to patients, as well as on doctors' morale. These games have been played by politicians across the political spectrum for short-term gains over decades. In the run-up to a general election and at a critical juncture for the health service, the BMA is calling for all members and doctors to help get the message heard, by adding their voices and saying No More Games with the NHS.

The launch of the campaign has received extensive news coverage and there has been widespread billboard advertising. A programme of further activity is planned over the coming months.

The LMC is fully supportive of the campaign and urges GPs to get involved and add their voices to the campaign. Full details of how to get involved and campaign materials to download are available on the [BMA's website](#).

Yorkshire and Humber CSU fails in bid for accreditation

The CSU were unsuccessful in their bids for accreditation to provide the full range of "end to end" support services. Although their bids to supply end to end services failed, Yorkshire and Humber won accreditation to another part of NHS England's procurement framework ie Lot 2B – to provide services relating to continuing healthcare and individual funding requests. However, this success will not be sufficient to guarantee the long term viability of the overwhelming majority of services provided by Yorkshire and Humber CSU, and will therefore not be enough to ensure the survival of the CSU in its current form.

Publication of NHS Payments to General Practice

On 12 February 2015 the Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC) published NHS payments to individual providers of general practice services (including practices, walk-in centres and health centres) in England for 2013/14. This will start an annual publication process. Practices do not have to do anything in relation to this publication as data is taken from the HSCIC GP payments system. The report will break down payments by category including Global Sum, MPIG, QOF, enhanced services etc.

GPs should use their Area Team contact for any queries related to the published figures.

If publication of these figures generates media interest please do contact the LMC for support.

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Following a review of the work patterns of the Medical Secretaries we will aim to respond to routine emails on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.



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