



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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TRAINING, EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

LMC Elections 2018 – Nominations Deadline Approaching

HULL & EAST YORKSHIRE LMC
NORTH & NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE LMC

**ELECTIONS
2018**

3 YEAR TERM OF OFFICE

If you are a GP working in Hull, East Yorkshire, North Lincolnshire or North East Lincolnshire and are interesting in becoming a member of the LMC, please contact Amalia Booker at humberside.lmcgroup@nhs.net or on 01482 655111 to find out more.

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The deadline to submit nominations to stand in the Humberside LMCs elections falls on **Friday 16 February at 5pm**. Please remember to return your nominations in time.

All the information needed to help submit your nomination can be found on our [website](#). Please ensure you fill the form in carefully and remember that completed forms must have your signature. You can either return the form by post or email a scanned copy to us before the deadline.

GP Contract Roadshow 2018 Presentation



Thanks to all who attended the roadshow on 6 February 2018 to hear about the GP contract negotiations, and to our speakers Dr Krishna Kasaraneni and Dr Zoe Norris. There was an excellent turnout of 92 general practice colleagues.

You can download the presentation from the event [here](#) (PowerPoint).

Immunisation and Vaccination Training

Having consulted Practice Managers and identified a need for locally accessible Immunisation and Vaccination refresher training the LMC have been pleased to organise 2 events for registered nurses/practitioners and one for health care support workers. The half day events are quickly booking up and are priced at £60 per place.

Annual Half Day Refresher for Nurses/Registered Practitioners

- **17 May 2018, 13:00-16:30 – Forest Pines, Brigg.**
Book here: www.fourteenfish.com/events/6468
- **26 June 2018, 13:00-16:30 – Hallmark Hotel, Hull.**
FULLY BOOKED

Annual Half Day Refresher for Healthcare Assistants/Healthcare Support Workers

- **19 June 2018, 13:00-16:30 – Hallmark Hotel, Hull.**
Book here: www.fourteenfish.com/events/6470

LMC Practice Nurse Training Guide

There are still places available on the courses running up to the end of March 2018 in our Practice Nurse Training Guide. The guide includes full details on course location, providers, costs, eligibility and booking. Download the [Practice Nurse Training Guide](#) (PDF).

Safeguarding Children Training for Hull GPs

There are opportunities for Hull GPs to attend Safeguarding Children Level 3 training events organised by the Safeguarding Children Team at venues in Willerby and Cottingham. Dates have been made available from April 2018-March 2019 – for full details see the [Training Diary](#) (PDF).

These are multi-professional courses so other health professionals who are involved in safeguarding will be in attendance, which can provide a useful mix of viewpoints and information/experience to enhance the learning.

If you are interested in attending one of these days, please contact CHCP.safeguardingchildrentraining@nhs.net to make a booking or enquiry.

Widening Participation in Medicine Programme

This programme is an opportunity for practices to become involved in supporting talented students from backgrounds that are traditionally underrepresented in medicine in their application to medical school.

The scheme is funded by Health Education England and the Royal College of General Practitioners and facilitated in area by the Hull York Medical School, and several practices have already signed up to take part by arranging relevant work experience for students. Placements are set to take place between March-September 2018.

You can find further details on the programme on the [HYMS placement request letter](#) (Word). Practices can register to take part via the [online sign-up forum](#) or you can contact Alexandra Murphy at Alexandra.murphy@hyms.ac.uk or telephone 01904 32 1762 for further information.

RCGP Courses and Events 2018

Royal College of General Practitioners have published their calendar of short courses and events taking place this year in the Yorkshire and Humber region. Among the courses taking part in our area are Addictions Update 2018 in Hull on 20 June and Joint Injections courses on 3 July. There is also the Humber and the Ridings Celebrating General Practice event on 11 May.

Dates, prices and booking details can all be found on the [course calendar](#) (PDF).

ACP Ready Scheme Information Pack

In previous newsletters we have included introductory details of the Humber, Coast and Vale ACP Ready scheme which will see more trainee Advanced Clinical Practitioners posts available in general practice. The scheme is open to practice nurses who wish to continue with their career development and allied health professionals, such as paramedics, physiotherapists and pharmacists who wish to develop ACP roles in Primary Care.

A full information pack for practices has now been published and can be downloaded [here](#) (Word).

HYMS CPD Courses March-July 2018

A number of courses are now open for bookings:

Palliative Care in General Practice – Principles and Practicalities Tuesday 13 March and Thursday 12 April 2018, St Catherine’s Hospice, Scarborough

A two day workshop is aimed at GPs, GP Registrars and other senior clinicians working in primary care who are looking to increase their skills and confidence in managing palliative care patients. Each day complements the other although both are suitable as stand-alone study days. The course maps to the RCGP curriculum and will provide detailed information on the MDT and other support agencies available. It will include facilitated small group work and case studies with the opportunity to refine skills between the study days and bring cases for reflection.

An introduction to Mindfulness - Wednesday 21 March, Hollies Park, Weetwood, between Headingley and Adel, Leeds

This 1 day course, facilitated by a Clinical Psychologist, CBT Therapist and mindfulness teacher is specifically designed for primary care health professionals who wish to use mindfulness for their own personal benefit and to raise awareness of it as a potential support for patients.

GP Update course - Saturday 14 April 2018, Allam Lecture Theatre, Hull University

This event is being generously supported by Hull, East Riding, North Lincs and North East Lincs CCGs meaning that primary care clinicians based in these areas can attend at a greatly reduced delegate rate of only £65. Clinicians from other CCG areas are welcome to attend at the standard rate which is still considerably less than the equivalent national course (more details on the website or contact Jackie Houlton on the email address below). The fee also includes 12 month’s access to the GP Update online resources.

Nurse Update course - Saturday 28 April 2018, Allam Medical Building, Hull University
Due to generous funding from Hull CCG, North East Lincs CCG and East Riding CCG the event will be available to local primary care nurses and allied advanced practitioners at the greatly reduced price of £40 Places at the reduced rate are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment. (Non-subsidised delegates can book at a rate of £150 which is still considerably less than the equivalent nationally available course.) *East Riding CCG subsidised places are now fully booked.*

Confidence with hand and wrist injections - Wednesday 2 May 2018, Loxley building, Hull University

In this half day course you go back into the Anatomy Department to look at the commonly encountered conditions, de-mystify their diagnosis and management before focusing on injection skills. The course provides access to prepared prosections which will help to refresh knowledge and understanding of anatomy as well as allowing useful rehearsal of injection skills.

Motivational Interviewing for long term conditions and lifestyle-related health problems - Thursday 31 May 2018, Law and Management Building, Heslington East, York University

Back by popular demand, this course is for any primary care clinician interested in learning more about the principles and skills of motivational interviewing and how to apply them in primary care.

Dermatology Update, Wednesday 20 June, 2018, Loxley Building, Hull University

This comprehensive one day course, suitable for GPs, nurse practitioners and other advanced practitioners working in primary care, led by local dermatology specialists, will advise and update on the most commonly encountered dermatological conditions.

Cardiology in Primary Care Heart Failure Update and ECG made GPeasy - Wednesday 27 June 2018, The Piazza, Heslington East, York University

This interactive course led by a cardiologist is open to GPs, ANPs and practice nurses and will provide an opportunity to update and re-invigorate confidence in two important areas of cardiology. The course is available as a full day while both sessions are also suitable to attend individually.

Sport and Musculoskeletal Medicine - Wednesday 18 July 2018, Loxley Building, Hull University

This one day course, endorsed by BASEM (British Association of Sport and Exercise medicine) and facilitated by GPs with a specialist interest, will include sessions on anatomy, examination and case-based management suggestions and is aimed at increasing clinician confidence in dealing with sports related problems in surgery.

Booking information including course fees and registration is via the following link

<http://store.york.ac.uk/product-catalogue/hull-york-medical-school/hyms-short-courses>

Please contact Jackie Houlton with any queries at jackie.houlton@hyms.ac.uk. Places on all courses are limited so please book early.

Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolism Forum

This forum, facilitated by Hull and East Yorkshire NHS Hospitals Trust, is an opportunity to hear about updates in treatment and to share any cases you would like to discuss.

The next Hull and East Yorkshire forum is fully subscribed but dates are available for northern Lincolnshire as follows:

- **North East Lincolnshire: Tuesday 6th March 2018, Humber Royal Hotel, Littlecoates Road, Grimsby, DN34 4LX**
- **North Lincolnshire: Thursday 8th March 2018, San Pietro Restaurant, 11 High St E, Scunthorpe, DN15 6UH**

Forum meetings start at 18:45 with a meal and opportunity to meet pharmaceutical representatives, followed by case based discussions from 19:30-20:30.

Cases include:

- How to protect your patient's kidneys: First advance in 15 years in Diabetic Kidney Disease
- New updates on Cardiovascular protection in diabetes
- How to use the newer glucose lowering medications

Please send any cases you would like discussed in advance of the meeting. To reserve your place please email Kamrudeen.mohammed@hey.nhs.uk

CLINICAL ISSUES

Flu Vaccine Ordering for 2018-19

NHS England has published guidance on the ordering of seasonal influenza vaccines for next winter (2018/19), with the aim of ensuring that patients and the public receive the most effective protection available. The guidance also summarises the steps that NHSE has taken to ensure that practices can switch their orders without financial loss.

[Download the NHS England guidance](#) (PDF).

PRACTICE MANAGEMENT

Introducing LMC Campaign 2018: Partnership Agreements

Some of the most challenging issues we get approached about at the LMC concern partnerships. Resolving any problems which arise in a partnership can be difficult and stressful for all concerned if there isn't an up to date, professionally drafted partnership agreement in place. Partners may find that in the event of a problem, with no written agreement in place, their only recourse is through legislation which dates back to the 19th century and doesn't reflect how partnerships operate in the modern world.

So this year we're going to be running an awareness campaign to let GPs and practices know the importance of having a partnership agreement in place – and the risks if there is no agreement or if it's out of date. We'll be highlighting resources and guidance covering what needs to be included in a partnership agreement, as well as where to go for professional help and advice in preparing one that will address the key issues.

Look out for updates in future newsletters, on our website and on Twitter ([@HumbersideLMC](#) #partnershipagreements).

Lease Incentives Scheme – Deadline Approaching

The deadline to apply for financial support under the Lease Incentives Scheme falls on 31 March 2018. This is the programme introduced under the General Practice Forward View which provides financial support to practices that are tenants of NHS Property Services or Community Health Partnerships to enter into a new lease.

It is unlikely there will be any extension to the scheme so it is vital that any eligible practices take advantage of the offer whilst it is still available. The scheme provides for:

- Reimbursement of Stamp Duty Land Tax for the initial term (up to 15 years)
- Contributing up to £1,000 plus VAT of legal fees related to the lease transaction
- Reimbursement of management fees for the financial year 2016/2017 and 2017/2018.

GP practices can claim for this financial support by completing the [Lease Incentive Claim Form](#) and submitting it to england.gppremisesfund@nhs.net by **31 March 2018**.

For more information visit <https://www.england.nhs.uk/gp/gpfbv/infrastructure/lease-incentives-for-gp-practices/>

Neighbourhood Direct GP Practice Websites

The LMC has been made aware of an issue concerning some GP practice websites in England. It appears that some practices have changed their websites from the free version provided by EMIS/SystemOne to one supplied by Neighbourhood Direct Ltd. The news sites seemingly come pre-loaded with a link to Pharmacy2U as the default pharmacy when users click the link “Receiving repeat medication – nominate your pharmacy now”.

The concern is that this may be in breach of NHS regulations which require that a prescriber must not seek to persuade a patient to nominate a dispensing site recommended by the prescriber. If a patient asks for a recommended pharmacy, the prescriber is to provide a list of all dispensing sites in the area.

We are not aware of any practice websites in our area where this situation applies but would urge practices to be aware of the issue and of their responsibilities regarding nomination.

ICO Guidance for the Health Sector

As we approach the onset of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) taking effect in May 2018, the ICO have published clarification of how the fees that data controllers have to pay to the ICO are changing. Please visit <https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/health/> to view the guidance.

Translation and Interpreter Services for North Lincolnshire GP Practices

AA Global is no longer the Translation and Interpreter services provider for North Lincolnshire CCG. The CCG is currently finalising a new contract with ONGO and have agreed for them to provide a service on an ad hoc basis until the contract is finalised.

The CCG is currently stating that they will fund telephone translations and BSL interpreters only and that if practice staff need to provide information in other formats e.g. Braille, audio tape, or to provide a face to face interpreter (other than for BSL) or any translation of documents, the practice will be liable for the costs. The LMC feels that the whole of these costs should be met by NHSE as this is done in other parts of the country and is reflected in the 2015 draft NHSE document '[Principles for High Quality Interpreting and Translating Services](#)'. We have therefore raised this with NHSE for further discussion.

In the meantime, the procedure for accessing interpretation services as outlined by the CCG is set out below:

This Procedure applies to **all GP practices within North Lincolnshire CCG only.**

- 1 Call ONGO on 01724 844848 and select option 1.
- 2 Give your name and that of the GP practice.
- 3 Quote the following purchase order number:
NLCCG/Practice Number (B.....)/Practice Name/PLeQuelenec/Date of booking
- 4 State the language you require.
- 5 If appropriate, state if a male or female interpreter is preferred.
- 6 As soon as possible after the event, please confirm by email to peter.lequelenec@nhs.net the following details:
 - Name of the person making the booking and the practice name and practice number
 - The language used
 - Date of the call
 - Duration of the call (if known)

This information will ensure that invoices can be verified and processed correctly. **Please do not include any patient identifiable information.**

The CCG will continue to fund BSL interpreters. Please ensure you provide ONGO recruitment as much notice as possible.

Claim the Google Business Listing for Your Practice

Our thanks go to Rob Thompson, Practice Manager at Modality Partnership who has raised an important issue concerning business information published online by Google.

When you search for a business name (e.g. My GP Practice) using Google, you will notice that a 'mini website' appears on the right hand side of the search results – this is a 'Google Business Listing'. It contains a business profile, data about your business and often comments/reviews.

You may not be aware of this mini site and its content. The LMC would therefore advise all practices who have not already done so, to check out their Google Business Listing and to 'claim it'. Once claimed, you can correct any data, update your profile and respond to any comments.

The LMC will be publishing guidance on this issue soon but for now you can find information on how to edit business listings on Google [here](#) and on responding to reviews [here](#).

GUIDANCE & RESOURCES

New LMC Advice Sheet – Out of Area Registrations

The LMC often receives queries about the correct procedures to follow in relation to the registration, removal and management of Out of Area Patients. Questions tend to focus on the obligations of practices with respect to home visits for such patients. We have therefore produced an Advice Sheet which summarises the provisions for out of area registrations and the factors which practices need to take into account when deciding whether or not to register patients in this way. Practices also need to be aware of the need to follow the correct process to ensure that home visiting duties do not continue when a patient moves out of area but remains registered.

Download the advice sheet (PDF) [here](#).

NHS England Launch New Specialised Services Film

NHS England has created a [short film](#) which explains how decisions are made about which new specialised treatments and services to introduce into the NHS. As technology advances, new treatments become available every year and complex decisions must be made about which of these provide maximum benefit for patients and make best use of resources. To do this, a panel of independent doctors, health experts and patient representatives assess and prioritise new treatments based on their clinical benefit and cost.

GENERAL NEWS

NHS England Announces New Specialised Treatments

NHS England has announced the results of the first of two prioritisation rounds to decide which new specialised commissioning treatments and services will be made available for patients for the 2018/19 financial year.

An initial three new treatments and services were approved for funding including a treatment for HIV, a new specialised service for adults with primary ciliary dyskinesia, a genetic disorder affecting the respiratory system, and a new specialised service for Stevens-Johnson syndrome, a serious disorder of the skin.

Funding for the new treatments and services will begin from April and will benefit an estimated 3000 patients in the first year and thousands more annually after that. Further treatments will be considered in May 2018. Read the full details on the [NHS England website](#).

Request for GP Retention Scheme Case Studies

The BMA have made a request for case studies on experiences of the GP Retention Scheme in response to feedback from NHS England that the scheme is having a very positive impact on the working lives of participating GPs. Initial signs indicate that the scheme is proving very popular with GPs of all ages, and is helping to stop people from taking the decision to leave the NHS workforce altogether.

Whilst the cohort of GPs in the scheme is still relatively small, this is a welcome development given that recent member surveys have shown that many GPs are thinking of giving up general practice due to intense workload pressures, inflexible working options and insufficient resourcing. With GP retention currently receiving major national focus from NHS England and the Department of Health, the GP Retention Scheme has the potential to have a significant positive impact on GPs' future career decisions.

The BMA are seeking GP volunteers who are in the [2017 GP Retention Scheme](#) or the 2016 interim scheme. They are keen to gather and publish their positive experiences to help raise awareness of the scheme among GPs and local commissioners across England. This will most likely involve participating GPs being in a promotional video or writing a short blog, which covers the reasons why they have joined the scheme, how it has helped them, how it can be useful to other GPs and that funding for scheme placements exists in all CCG areas (the scheme is in the [GMS Statement of Financial Entitlements \(PDF\)](#)).

Equally, the BMA would also like to hear about any negative experiences. Any issues or concerns will be taken directly to NHS England's national team so that they can be swiftly addressed.

Anyone who is interested in sharing their experiences, positive or negative, should contact Christopher Scott, BMA Workforce & Innovation Team, via cscott@bma.org.uk.



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