



The Humberside Group of Local Medical Committees Ltd

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CONTRACTUAL ISSUES

GMS contract changes 2015/16

The BMA's General Practitioners Committee has voted to accept the negotiated contract agreement for 2015/16.

There are further reductions in bureaucracy to enable greater focus on patient care. By concluding negotiations at a much earlier stage than in previous years, it also gives practices more notice to prepare for changes.

The key contract changes to take effect in 2015-16 include: Avoiding Unplanned Admission enhanced service changes, patient participation and alcohol enhanced service to end in March 2015, maternity and paternity cover improvement, named GP for all patients, changes to patient online access to records, publication of GP earnings, QOF stability, assurance on Out of Hours Provision and changes to registration to reflect armed forces health requirements.

A number of other agreements were reached as part of the negotiations which do not form part of contractual changes, but represent agreements between GPC and NHS England.

A summary of the key contract changes can be read here: <http://bma.org.uk/working-for-change/negotiating-for-the-profession/bma-general-practitioners-committee/general-practice-contract/contract-changes-in-england-2015/key-changes-to-england-gp-contract>

PMS Reviews – Latest Guidance for NHS England Area Teams

On 30 September 2014, NHS England published their Framework for Personal Medical Services (PMS) agreements review. This provides guidance for Area Teams on the conduct and timescales of the PMS Reviews. The highlights are:

- There will be a 4 year pace of change from April 2014.
- Decisions relating to future use of PMS funding should be agreed jointly with CCGs as part of anticipated co-commissioning arrangements.
- Any proposals to reduce current levels of PMS funding for any practices should reflect decisions on how the money freed up will be redeployed, including proposals for reinvestment of resources from area team or CCGs to support local improvement and innovation in primary care. This is to ensure that changes to practice funding reflect the overall net impact of any change, and practices don't have to manage a reduction of funding, before subsequent reinvestment.
- Any resources freed up from PMS reviews should always be reinvested in general practice services (including, as appropriate, general practice premises developments).
- Except with the agreement of all the CCGs involved, PMS resources should not be redeployed outside the current CCG locality. (i.e. the CCG of which the PMS practice is a member).

For further information, please contact the LMC Secretariat.

GUIDANCE AND RESOURCES

GPC Guidance on Out of Area Registration

Following the announcement by NHS England to delay implementation of the above scheme to January 2015, GPC has issued the following guidance:

“At the beginning of September, GPC wrote to NHS England expressing a number of concerns about how the above scheme would work in practice and made it clear that we had no confidence an implementation date of 1 October was viable. The letter requested that the scheme's introduction was delayed until agreement could be reached between NHS England and its Area Teams and GP practices.

*In their reply NHS England acknowledged that they had been unable to secure services for patients who register out of area, but who may need access to urgent care near or at home. As a result they announced that it would not be practical to allow GP practices to proceed to register patients who live out of area without home visiting duties until **5 January 2015**.*

However, concerns remain. NHS England takes the view that as the regulations, at the point of registration, require GP practices to determine whether it is clinically appropriate or practical to accept an application for inclusion in their list of patients without access to home visits etc. (as set out in 26B of the GMS Regs) there is no basis on which to amend the regulations at this time. Until services for patients that register out of area are in place nationally the criteria to set aside home visits cannot be met.

Although the regulations remain in place, a practice should only register patients without home visits knowing that they have sought and obtained assurance themselves from area teams that such arrangements were in place for individual patients.

*GPC's view is that it would neither be clinically appropriate nor practical to register patients without home visits whilst there is no assurance that arrangements for their care outside of the practice area are in place, even though the regulations now technically allow it. **Practices are therefore strongly advised that they should not currently register any patients under the new regulation.***

Roles & Responsibilities of GPs in supporting pupils at school

The Department for Education has issued new statutory guidance and non-statutory advice on the roles and responsibilities of GPs in supporting pupils at school with medical conditions, which replaces previous guidance on Managing medicines in schools and early years settings published in March 2005. This new guidance came into force 1 September 2014 and replaces previous guidance on Managing medicines in schools and early years settings published in March 2005.

Its aim is to ensure that all children with medical conditions, in terms of both physical and mental health, are properly supported in school so that they can play a full and active role in school life, remain healthy and achieve their academic potential.

GPC guidance can be found here: <http://bma.org.uk/practical-support-at-work/gp-practices/supporting-pupils-at-school>

The full statutory guidance can be found here:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/349435/Statutory_guidance_on_supporting_pupils_at_school_with_medical_conditions.pdf

TRAINING & EVENTS

The Primary Care Education Group

The Primary Care Education Group was set up 3 years ago by a group of Practice Managers to help support and deliver targeted and relevant courses for healthcare professionals.

The Primary Care Education Group are an approved City and Guilds centre and in particular, they run the AMSPAR / City and Guilds Level 5 Diploma in Primary Care and Health Management. This is targeted at Practice Managers to enable them obtain a formal qualification and the relevant business skills to help support them meet the challenges they face. The majority of the tutors are practice managers who understand the real issues facing today's busy practices and management teams.

Courses are also delivered for receptionists (AMSPAR Certificate in Health Service Administration), practice nurses (vaccs and imms updates) and whole primary care teams (chaperoning).

Courses are funded by participating practices. For further information and to enquire about the next available course please see the Group's website:

<http://www.primarycareeducationgroup.co.uk/index.html>

CLINICAL ISSUES

Redesign of Community & Adolescent Mental Health Services in Hull & East Riding of Yorkshire

Community Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) in Hull and the East Riding of Yorkshire have been redesigned. The changes to the service reflect the outcomes of recent CAMHS reviews, consultation with young people and families who use the services and the changing nature of these services across the country.

The CAMHS service provided by Humber NHS Foundation Trust is now made up of 3 key elements: Contact Point, Core CAMHS and Intensive Intervention Team. More information about these 3 elements and how referrals can be made can be found here:

http://www.humbersidelmc.org.uk/uploads/3/7/5/8/37582639/camhs_for_gp_information_v.2.1.pdf

Delivering Better Oral Health

The third edition of 'Delivering Better Oral Health - evidence based toolkit for prevention' guidance has now been published and the comprehensive document and summary guidance tables are available via the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/delivering-better-oral-health-an-evidence-based-toolkit-for-prevention>

This guidance provides evidence based interventions and new advice on how dental team members can improve and maintain both the oral health and general health of their patients. Smoking, alcohol misuse and poor diet are risk factors for a number of general health and oral health conditions. The updated evidence based guidance includes advice on the use of fluoride, tooth brushing, and prevention of gum disease and tooth erosion/tooth wear, eating a healthy balanced diet, stopping tobacco use and drinking within the lower-risk alcohol guidance. The updated guidance includes:

- Extended 'improving periodontal health' section;
- Additional advice about healthy eating, smoking and alcohol misuse;
- NEW chapter on helping patients to change their behaviour; and
- Revised summary tables reflecting emerging evidence base

For the first time public facing version of the guidance will be published to support the public to better understand the preventive messages. Dental content on NHS Choices and Change for Life is being amended to reflect the new edition of DBOH. This information should be shared with health, educational and social care professionals to support improvements and reducing inequalities in oral health.

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