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INSPECTION

Safety ratings cause practices the most inspection problems

Tips and hints from the CQC for a successful inspection rating:

<http://www.dispensingdoctor.org/news/safety-ratings-cause-practices-inspection-problems/>

COMMISSIONING

Clarification on the transfer of dispensing doctors' fees under delegated commissioning of primary care

In response to recent queries regarding the transfer of dispensing doctors' fees under delegated commissioning of primary medical services, NHS England has noted that dispensing is a pharmaceutical service under the terms of the NHS (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013.

Although delegated CCGs may account for the fees under the power of apportionment, NHS England is responsible for taking the commissioning decisions regarding this function. CCGs do not have legal powers to change or divert this funding to cover other functions.

TRAINING, EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Event: The challenge of change: mergers, growth and reductions - managing opportunity and risk

Capsticks and BHP, Chartered Accountants are jointly hosting the above event for GPs and Practice Managers.

These are challenging times for GP practices and it is clear that standing still is not an option. The GP Forward View focuses on transformation and sustainability and identifies the shift towards groups of practices working together. Reasons for that shift include clinical, business, workload and workforce - all of which create significant legal, practical and financial issues. This sessions aims to help practices manage both opportunity and risk and to plan for success.

This highly practical seminar will cover the following:

- Negotiating and planning for a successful merger: dealing with the 4 key issues – financial, practical, legal and workforce
- Redesigning the merged workforce: changing terms and conditions of employment, recognising redundancy situations and effective consultations
- Ensuring partnership agreements are robust and fit for a merged or changed practice
- Managing a successful practice, profitability, cash flow and partners' drawings

The seminar is free to attend and is CPD accredited.

Event Details:

Tuesday 6 December 2016

9.30am registration, 10.00am - 12.30pm Seminar followed by networking and lunch

Capsticks, Toronto Square, Toronto Street, Leeds, LS1 2HJ

[Click here to register.](#)

Can You Help? Clinical Placements in GP Surgeries for Talented Sixth Form Students Interested in Medicine as a Career

Hull York Medical School is working with the Sutton Trust on a widening participation project called Pathways to Medicine. This aims to support talented sixth form students (aged 16-17) in the local area who come from backgrounds traditionally underrepresented in medicine, in their application to medical school.

As part of the programme, HYMS is arranging some relevant work experience for them, as the lack of health care experience can be a major barrier to applicants from non-traditional backgrounds.

Could your practice help by providing a short period of work experience to a student on this programme? It would be for two or three days of mostly observational experience which could be in a variety of settings within your practice. Placements would take place between February and End of August 2017.

If you are interested in supporting this programme please contact Alexandra.jeffrey@hyms.ac.uk 01904 32 1762 for further information. It would be really helpful if you could copy the LMC into your email so that we are aware of practices getting involved with this initiative. Thank you!

Some key facts are:

- GPs would be signing up to provide 2 -3 consecutive days of placement per student. Many practices only take one student, larger practices have been able to take 2 or 3 students albeit at different times.
- Placement dates are arranged between the student and the practice
- Placements should take place during holiday periods so as to avoid students missing college
- Students start the programme in February so placements would be offered between Feb-end of Aug
- All students are given a preparation workshop and a reflection workshop at the end of placement.

[Read the Information Pack](#)

HYMS CPD Course: 'Confidence with lower limb injections'

30 November at the HYMS building, University of York, 2pm – 5pm

Musculoskeletal problems of the lower limb are frequently seen and sometimes confusing. 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. Led by a GPwSI and 2 experienced extended scope practitioners, 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.

Costs

£100 GPs (£95 for RCGP member and HYMS Clinical Tutors)

£85 GP Registrar

[Read the Flier](#)

[Book here](#)

PRACTICE MANAGEMENT

Reminder: Registration with HSCIC for statutory notification of FGM (female genital mutilation) cases in women under the age of 18

The LMC recently became aware that not all practices have registered with HSCIC in relation to the above. If your practice has not already done so, you should take steps to register as soon as possible as there is a requirement on practices both to register and to report cases of FGM.

Read this [FAQ document](#) for further information.

Seasonal Flu Vaccine Offers 2017-18

The LMC Buying Groups Federation has concluded negotiations with flu vaccine companies for the 2017-18 season.

Practices who have signed up to the LMC Buying Groups Federation via the LMC can now take advantage of the discounts negotiated. The joint first preferred suppliers are Pfizer and MASTA. The second preferred supplier is Mylan.

Full details of the offers available can be accessed [here](#).

If your practice has not yet signed up to the Buying Group but would like to do so, please contact the LMC at humberstone.lmcgroup@nhs.net for further information

Claims for pneumococcal vaccinations in patients who require re-administration

It has been noted that Pneumococcal vaccinations in patients who require re-administration (Patients on DMARDs, asplenic, CKD4/5) are not automatically extracted by CQRS. The SFES (Statement of Financial Entitlements) state that an agreement should be made with the local NHS team for these situations. The local team have now asked practices to send evidence (via a screenshot) so that these claims can be added onto CQRS and payment will then be authorised.

Please send these screenshots to Annette Enzor (annette.ensor@nhs.net)

PREVENT Training for GP practices – Clarification regarding ‘mandatory’ status

The LMC has become aware that some GP practices have been advised that PREVENT training is ‘mandatory’. However, schedule 6 of the counter-terrorism and security act 2015 states that mandatory training only applies to:

- An NHS Trust established under section 25 of the National Health Service Act 2006 or under section 18 of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006.
- An NHS Foundation trust within the meaning by given section 30 of the National Health Service Act 2006.
- A Local Health Board established under section 11 of the National Health Service Act 2006.
- A community health council in Wales.

- The board of community health councils in Wales or Bwrdd Cyngharau Iechyd Cymuned Cymru.

The LMC is supportive of GPs and practice staff undertaking the PREVENT training but it is important to note that it is **not** mandatory for GP practices.

As the Prevent agenda is under the umbrella of safeguarding, it is considered to be best practice for primary care staff to undertake this training to raise awareness and safeguard vulnerable patients from the risk of radicalisation.

NHS England has asked that CCGs support GP practices with their Prevent training.

GUIDANCE & RESOURCES

Indemnity Costs

NHS England has now produced a [Q&A document](#) about the GP Indemnity Support Scheme. It sets out details of the special payment to practices, linked to workload, which is intended to offset average indemnity inflation.

In addition, as part of broader work to address the issue of rising indemnity costs as outlined in the General Practice Forward View, NHS England's 2016 winter indemnity scheme for GPs will run until Friday 31 March 2017 (inclusive). It is designed to meet the costs of personal professional indemnity for any additional out of hours work undertaken by GPs this winter to enable the freedom to work additional sessions without having to pay additional subscriptions to their medical defence organisation (MDO).

More information about the Winter Indemnity Scheme and how to apply via your MDO can be found at:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/ourwork/gp/v/gp-indemnity/winter-indemnity/>

Guidance on safety of nurses working alone

The Royal College of Nursing has published guidance for members who work alone.

<https://www.rcn.org.uk/professional-development/publications/005716>

MDU Medico-legal guide to Confidentiality: Children whose parents are separated

With rising divorce rates, it is increasingly common for practices to receive requests from estranged parents for disclosure of medical records, or other confidential information regarding their child. All such requests must be handled sensitively and correctly. Either parent might take issue with a disclosure or a refusal to disclose and make a complaint as a result.

It is important for the practice to be sure of the law and their rights and responsibilities when responding to such a request. This helpful [guide](#) sets out the factors to take into account.

Employing newly qualified nurses in general practice roles

Health Education England has produced a helpful document for practices outlining the issues to be considered if employing a newly qualified nurse in a general practice role.

[Read the guidance document](#)

[Read the guide to HEE Funded General Practice Nursing Education in Yorkshire & Humber](#)

Guidance on the provision of Travel Vaccines on the NHS

There has traditionally been a lack of clarity regarding the provision and charging for vaccinations for patients in at risk groups, prior to travel and for occupational reasons. Confusion arises from mixed interpretations of different sources, with the Green Book providing clinical advice on when to administer an immunisation for travel, and the regulations indicating how practices are paid for it.

[This guidance document](#), prepared by North of England Commissioning Support, sets out which travel vaccines can and cannot be given as part of NHS provision and when private charges can be levied.

GENERAL NEWS

King's Fund Report: New care models - Emerging innovations in governance and organisational form

The 23 vanguard sites chosen to develop the multispecialty community provider (MCP) and primary and acute care system (PACS) new care models have been working to pool budgets and integrate services more closely. Some are continuing to use informal partnerships, but others are opting for more formal governance arrangements. Commissioners are grappling with how to contract for the new systems, while providers are exploring how to work together within emerging partnerships, how to allocate funding, and how to share risk and rewards.

[This report](#) from The Kings Fund looks at the different approaches being taken by MCP and PACS vanguards to contracting, governance and other organisational infrastructure. It focuses on developments at five sites: Dudley; Sandwell and West Birmingham (Modality Partnership); Salford; Northumberland; and South Somerset (Symphony Project).



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