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TRAINING, EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

GP Update Course, March 2019

Saturday 23rd March 2019

10:00-16:00 (registration from 09:30)

Allam Lecture Theatre, Derwent Building, University of Hull, Hull HU6 7RX

Now in its sixth year, HYMS will be hosting the RCGP-accredited GP Update course which is open to GPs, GP STs and Practice Nurses. GP presenters will discuss the results of the most important new evidence and guidance, from chronic conditions to musculoskeletal medicine, from mental health to Gastroenterology and many more in between.

This event is being 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. The fee also includes 12 month's access to the GP Update online resources.

More information can be found on the [course flyer](#) and the link to register is <https://store.york.ac.uk/product-catalogue/hull-york-medical-school/hyms-short-courses>

Primary Care Networks Webinars

NHS England is hosting a series of webinars for anyone working within primary care and the wider NHS, focusing on the benefits, impacts and development of primary care networks.

The webinars will provide an update from the national primary care network programme, share examples of work already in progress across the country, and offer a chance to ask questions and find out more about next steps in relation to the development of primary care networks.



Dates, times and further information can be found at
<https://www.england.nhs.uk/gp/gpfv/redesign/primary-care-networks/>

For further information, or to put forward any questions ahead of the webinars, please email england.PCN@nhs.net

Yorkshire & Humber Clinical Senate Conference 2019

Tuesday 5th February 2019

09:30-16:00

The Met Hotel, King Street, Leeds LS1 2HQ

The theme of the Yorkshire and Humber Clinical Senate Conference is 'Clinicians Influencing the System and Embracing Change' and they will welcome a variety of speakers from NHS Improvement, AHSN, Genomic Medicine Centre, NIHR and the Health Foundation to explore this theme. The event will be CPD accredited. Clinicians can register for the free event through [this link](#).

BMA Junior Members Forum 2019

Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th January 2019

Jurys Inn Brighton Waterfront, Brighton BN1 2GS

Registration is now open for the BMA Junior Members Forum 2019. The junior members forum (JMF) is a 2-day conference providing a unique opportunity for junior members to get involved with the BMA. The content of the agenda is shaped by the issues important to those attending and the output can go on to become BMA policy and guide future work of the association.

The JMF is a free 2-day aimed at grassroots junior members. Priority is given to members who have never attended a BMA event before.

All BMA members within 12 years of provisional GMC registration and medical students are welcome to apply. Travel expenses can be met by the BMA and accommodation can be provided for both the Friday and Saturday night.

If you have any questions, please contact dnorcliffe-brown@bma.org.uk or



confunit@bma.org.uk.

To find out more and register, click [here](#).

How to Set Up a Primary Care Network Event, January 2019

Wednesday 16th January 2019

London

The next National Association of Primary Care members' event will focus on the practical steps you can take to start developing primary care at scale. Attendees will hear from primary care homes – established primary care networks – on how they got started, from developing relationships with community, social care and voluntary sector colleagues, to co-designing services and developing a team-based approach.

The event is free for NAPC members. Non-members can attend by becoming an NAPC member for a discounted fee of £100 + VAT. To book a place, please email napc@napc.co.uk. Click [here](#) for further information.

CLINICAL ISSUES

Summary Care Record and Medication Issued Elsewhere

This new guidance has been issued by the Regional Summary Care Record group in response to concerns that 'medications issued elsewhere' (such as from hospitals and home care services) don't usually appear in the Summary Care Record (SCR) when viewing from external links.

This is potentially a medication safety issue, so practices are asked to use the new guidance when documenting medications issued by hospitals and by other services. Guidance has been developed for use with EMIS and TPP SystemOne.

Download the guidance for [EMIS](#).

Download the guidance for [TPP SystemOne](#).



Evidence Based Interventions – New Guidance

NHS England has issued new guidance on 17 interventions which evidence suggests are of little or no value to patients. Four of the interventions, such as surgery to prevent snoring, will now only be offered in exceptional circumstances. A longer list of thirteen interventions such as breast reduction surgery or the removal of benign skin lesions will be offered when specific clinical criteria are met. The guidance and supporting information can be found at <https://www.england.nhs.uk/evidence-based-interventions/>

Cannabis-Based Products for Medicinal Use

Following the Government's announcement to reschedule certain cannabis-based products for medicinal use from 1 November 2018, NHS England has provided [guidance](#) to clinicians which sets out our expectations of what this regulatory change will mean in practice for clinicians working in the NHS and in private practice in England.

Information for patients and the public explaining what the changes mean is available on the [NHS website](#).

National Drive to Trace Hepatitis C Virus Patients

Public Health England (PHE) and NHS England have launched a national exercise to identify and treat patients who have been previously diagnosed with hepatitis C virus (HCV) offering them new highly effective treatments that in most cases cure the disease.

It is estimated that tens of thousands of patients will be contacted as part of the exercise, which will support [England's ambition to eliminate HCV](#) as a public health threat by 2030 or sooner.

Operational delivery networks (ODN) – leading on the exercise – will write to GPs advising they will be contacting their patients to offer testing and treatment. PHE, NHS England and the Hepatitis C Trust will support through awareness raising initiatives alongside.

Supporting documents for GPs are available via [PHE's website](#).



PRACTICE MANAGEMENT

Humberside LMCs Practice Manager Reference Group – Call for Attendees

If you are a practice manager who wants to represent the concerns of your practice, connect with your peers and find out what your LMC can do for you and your team, then we want to hear from you!

The Humberside Group of LMCs currently brings together local practice managers for a bi-monthly Practice Managers Reference Group in our offices in Willerby. Acting as a two-way reference group, this has given Practice Managers the opportunity to bring issues to the LMC for discussion, and also allows the LMC to highlight items for consultation that have arisen from their other areas of involvement.

In the coming year, we will be focusing on facilitating training and development for practice managers and would welcome ongoing suggestions and feedback on this through meetings. Assistant or deputy practice managers would also be very welcome to attend!

Despite their intrinsic and essential role within practices, Practice Managers often report feeling isolated and lacking in peer support. This is something we hope to continue to address through our Reference Group by encouraging a collective approach to problem solving and promoting new networks of colleagues. If you feel that this approach is something you and your practice would benefit from, then come along to a meeting and get involved.

Our next meeting will take place on the morning of Tuesday 22 January 2019. If you would like to attend, or would like more details, please just let us know – contact us via email humberside.lmcgroup@nhs.net or call 01482 655111.

Vaccine Ordering for 2019-20 Flu Season

NHS England have issued a letter to providers of seasonal flu immunisation which provides preliminary information on the recommended vaccines for the 2019/20 seasonal flu vaccination programme. Practices are urged to begin ordering the currently licensed vaccines set out in the letter without delay.



[Download the letter.](#)

Prescription Direction – Misleading Advertising

The General Practice Committee (GPC) of the BMA has recently taken action in response to concerns about communications from online distance selling pharmacies which could be seen as misleading advertising and prescription direction.

In addition to writing to NHS England, the GPC has published a statement advising practices not to engage with these companies as this could put them at risk of breaching the GMS regulations prohibiting directions of prescriptions. They have also written directly to Pharmacy2U who have responded saying that they are withdrawing their campaign with Docmail. Read the GPC statement on this issue [here](#).

Legal Notice of System Usage Change

eMBED IT department have advised that, as part of developments to comply with NHS standards, they will be implementing a logon warning regarding usage of NHS computer facilities. This is a requirement of the Digital Security and Protection Toolkit.

This will present all users with the following warning message upon device logon which has to be acknowledged. By clicking OK to the warning users will be accepting the terms and conditions of use.

Legal Notice of System Usage

WARNING: This computer is the property of the NHS.

The use of this system is restricted to authorised users only. This computer system, including all related equipment, networks, and network devices (specifically including internet access) are provided only for authorised employees of the NHS.

Unauthorised or improper use of this system may result in disciplinary, civil or criminal penalties.

Computer systems and associated equipment are subject to monitoring to ensure proper performance and adherence to security features or policies. Such monitoring may result in the acquisition, recording and analysis of all data being communicated, transmitted, processed or stored in systems by users. If monitoring reveals possible evidence of criminal activity, such evidence may be provided to law enforcement for

investigation.

By continuing to use this system you are indicating your awareness of and consent to organisations policies and conditions of use.

NHS Property Services – BMA Call for Case Studies

The BMA are still working to resolve ongoing issues with NHS Property Services. Practices have been affected in different ways due to the variety of arrangements (written or unwritten) that they have had historically, and the complexities of these varying circumstances will require more than one solution.

The BMA have been gathering examples of practices affected by the NHS Property Services issues and are still keen to hear from **practices whose circumstances fall into groups F and H highlighted in the table below**. They will be using the case studies to support their efforts to resolve these ongoing issues.

If your practice falls in group F or H below please contact the GPC at the BMA via email info.gpc@bma.org.uk

A. Unwritten leases where no service charges have been paid historically.	B. Unwritten leases with service charge provisions for a fixed amount (through conduct) where the sums charged do not correspond with those provisions.	C. Unwritten leases where service charges have previously been paid but the sums have now increased.	D. Unwritten leases with service charge provisions (through conduct of parties) which have never been paid.	E. Unwritten leases with service charge provisions (through conduct of parties) where the sums charges correspond with those provisions.
F. Written leases without service charge provisions where no payments have historically been made	G. Written leases with service charge provisions for a fixed/capped amount where the sums	H. Written leases without service charge provisions, where payments have previously been made but	I. Written leases with service charge provisions which have never been paid.	J. Written leases with service charge provisions where the sums charged correspond with

	charged do not correspond with those provisions.	the sums have now increased.		those provisions.
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PCSE Updates for General Practice

PCSE have issued two new updates for practices: the December 2018 PCSE GP bulletin (which includes news on medical records; supplies; and Christmas collections and deliveries) and a Cervical Screening Update (includes items on online forms for queries; standardised forms for requests; and Christmas opening hours).

Download the [December 2018 PCSE GP Bulletin](#).

Download the [Cervical Screening Update](#).

Campaign Launched to Advertise Evening and Weekend GP Appointments

NHS England has launched a national campaign advertising the availability of evening and weekend appointments in general practice. Patients across the country can now access appointments with a GP, nurse or other healthcare professionals in the evenings and weekends either through a local GP access 'hub', their own practice or a practice nearby.

The campaign will target working age adults through a range of national radio, print and social media advertising. Posters and other promotional materials are available to download on the [Public Health England website](#). For further information please contact england.gpaccess@nhs.net.

GUIDANCE & RESOURCES

Contract Guidance for GPs Working in Non-Standard Roles

Increasingly GPs step beyond the conventional boundaries of general practice to forge diverse careers that suit their interests, expertise and skills. It is important for GPs engaging in these roles, in which they might not be protected by nationally agreed

terms and conditions, to be aware of their rights and check that the employment offer and their working arrangements are fit for purpose.

The BMA have issued this guidance to help ensure that all GPs receive appropriate employment terms and conditions regardless of their employer. Read the guidance at <https://www.bma.org.uk/advice/employment/contracts/sessional-and-locum-gp-contracts/contract-guidance-for-gps-in-nonstandard-roles>

GENERAL NEWS

Christmas and New Year LMC Office Opening Times



The LMC office will be open over the Christmas and New Year period as follows:

Monday 24 December: Open 09:00-15:00

Tuesday 25 December to Friday 28 December: Closed

Monday 31 December: Open 09:00-15:00

Tuesday 1 January: Closed

Wednesday 2 January to Friday 4 January: Open as normal 09:00-17:00

Very best wishes to all GPs and practice teams in our region for Christmas and the New Year.

Local GPs Recognised at General Practice Awards

GPs from Hull and the East Riding of Yorkshire were among the winners at the recent General Practice Awards, the national awards for primary care professionals. The awards were presented in London by Sally Phillips on November 30th 2018.





Dr Gabriel Hendow of Bransholme Health Centre won the General Practitioner of the Year Award. Dr Hendow is a single-handed GP and won the award for providing 'innovative' care to patients in the largest council estate in Europe. He was recognised for his methods of care which include exercise classes, food clinics and teenage health check clinics. His surgery was the only single-handed practice to be rated 'overall outstanding' by the CQC in 2016.



Dr Tom Milligan, Primary Care Lead for East Riding of Yorkshire CCG and a GP at the Practice One Medical Practice in Bridlington, won the General Practice Healthcare Leader of the Year Award. Dr Milligan was recognised for developing innovative approaches in an area with a shortage of GPs including improving the speed of processing prescription requests and a decrease of 26% in DNA rates. He has worked with NHS Improvement to share this learning to support all East Riding Practices.

LMC Meeting Dates 2019

The dates for our LMC meetings in 2019 are now available and can be viewed on the meetings page on our website [here](#).

Attending a meeting as an observer is a great way to find out more about the LMC. If you would like to attend a meeting please [contact the LMC Secretariat](#) who will be happy to confirm a date with you. If you have an item for the LMC to discuss at a meeting you can submit it [here](#).

Meetings take place on a Tuesday evening from 19:00-21:00 at [Lazaat](#) in Cottingham. A hot buffet is available prior to the meeting from 18:30.

The Cameron Fund – The GPs’ Own Charity

The Cameron Fund is the GPs’ own charity and the only medical benevolent charity which solely supports general practitioners and their dependants. It provides support to GPs and their families in times of financial need, whether through ill-health, disability, death or loss of employment. Humberside LMC makes an annual donation to support the work of the fund.

You can read the latest newsletter from the Cameron Fund [here](#). Find out more about their work on their [website](#), [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

Pensions Update

The General Practice Committee (GPC) has published an update on the key areas currently affecting GPs with regards to their pension, including the annual allowance, scheme valuations, death in service benefits for locum GPs, annualising of GP contributions and related PCSE issues. Read the update at <https://www.bma.org.uk/collective-voice/committees/general-practitioners-committee/gpc-current-issues/gp-pensions-update>





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