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INSPECTION

CQC to Introduce New Key Lines of Inquiry

Care Quality Commission are introducing new Key Lines of Enquiry (KLOEs) which will be used for inspection of GP services from the Autumn of this year onwards.

The updated framework including the new KLOEs replaces the previous separate versions for different types of service, published in 2015, which duplicated many of the KLOEs and prompts.

The changes to KLOEs and prompts are the result of feedback following the CQC's Next Phase consultation and are intended to simplify the process for organisations that provide more than one type of service.

Visit the CQC's [GPs: information for providers page](#) for more details on the changes to KLOEs. One of the resources available is a document summarising the [differences between the 2015 and 2017 KLOEs and rating characteristics](#) (PDF).

TRAINING, EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

NHS Leadership Academy – Applications Open for Mary Seacole Programme

The Mary Seacole Programme is a six month leadership development programme which was designed by the NHS Leadership Academy to develop knowledge and skills in leadership and management.

The programme is aimed at first time leaders in healthcare, or those aspiring to their first formal leadership role. It's designed for those who are:

- Looking to move into their first leadership role
- In a 'formal' position of leadership with responsibilities for people and services
- Able to relate what they learn on the course to their workplace

The programme is six months long with 100 hours of online study, plus three face-to-face behavioural workshops delivered locally. It is delivered in 12 units, each taking between five and ten hours of online study time.

Currently the programme has open cohort dates for a number of locations, the closest to our region being Leeds which will start on **7th December 2017**. The closing date to apply for this cohort is **2nd November 2017**.

For more information including costs and how to apply visit

<https://www.leadershipacademy.nhs.uk/programmes/mary-seacole-programme/>

Medical Professionals wanted for Judicial Appointments Commission

The Judicial Appointments Commission is recruiting medical professionals to serve on tribunals which hear appeals relating to a wide range of benefit decisions including:

- personal independence payments
- attendance allowance
- employment support allowance

- benefits for industrial injury or disease
- compensation recovery, including NHS recovery claims
- vaccine damage payments

Tribunal members consider evidence, find facts and apply the relevant law to reach a fair decision. Medical members use their professional expertise to assist the tribunal to understand the medical evidence provided.

Successful applicants will be assigned to a region and allocated to a primary hearing venue, though may be invited to sit at other locations as well. Members are expected to be available to sit for at least 15 days a year and will usually be required to attend up to 3 training days a year.

The daily fee varies depending on the number of days sitting. The fee is £322.20 for the first 20 sitting days in any financial year and £386.83 thereafter.

Further information and application details are available at <https://jac.judiciary.gov.uk/vacancies/071>. The closing date for this opportunity is **13:00 on Thursday 24th August 2017**.

Switching Careers to General Practice – Application Dates and Useful Resources

Health Education England reports an increase in the number of enquiries about how to become a GP from trainees across all specialities including consultant, trust and staff grade doctors.

The next round of training applications for the GP Training Programme will run from **1st-17th August 2017**, and adverts have started to appear on NHS Jobs, Oriel and Universal Job Match.

A number of resources are available for those considering applying from the [GP National Recruitment Office](#) including:

- [Case studies](#) based on those switching to GP training
- [Frequently asked questions](#) about switching specialty and retraining
- Information on [the GP Training Programme](#)
- [Guidance for applicants](#)

Those considering switching to a career as a GP can email gprecruitment@hee.nhs.uk to be put into contact with someone who has retrained as a GP.

Further information can be found at <https://gprecruitment.hee.nhs.uk/>.

CLINICAL ISSUES

Hepatitis A Infection: Prevention and Control Guidance

Updated guidance on the use of the various Hepatitis A vaccines has recently been published by Public Health England. Recommendations have been updated in light of the ongoing Hepatitis A outbreak primarily affecting men who have sex with men (MSM) and the shortage of global Hepatitis A vaccine that has severely impacted UK supply.

Dose sparing alternative vaccine options have been formulated following anticipated shortages of Hepatitis A vaccine. The guidance includes both travel and post-exposure.

Practices are advised to contact NHS England if they are struggling to get vaccine for outbreaks or contacts of cases as they may be able to release some stock destined for GUM clinics.

Download the guidance at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hepatitis-a-infection-prevention-and-control-guidance>.

New Site for Patient Group Directions

Patient Group Directions (PGDs) for vaccine preventable diseases can now be found on the NHS England website at <https://www.england.nhs.uk/north/our-work/pgds/>

You may wish to ensure that practice nurses and other relevant practice staff are aware of the website.

PRACTICE MANAGEMENT

E-Referrals to Hull and East Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust

During July HEY is having “soft” launch for the process of rejecting paper referrals. It is being referred to as a soft launch because HEY will initially only be rejecting paper referrals to certain specialties although this rejection process will eventually be rolled out to cover all specialties on eRS.

The specialties that will be the first to receive e-referrals only are:

- Breast
- Plastics
- Gastroenterology
- Trauma & Orthopaedics
- Vascular Surgery

Services that will shortly be available for E-Referral:

- Neurosurgery
- Orthotics
- Cardiothoracic Surgery
- Rehabilitation
- Fracture Clinic
- Anaemia Nurse Led at Castle Hill Hospital

You can find more information on roll-out of e-referrals at HEY including contact details for your area in their [Summer 2017 HEY E-Referral Newsletter](#) (PDF).

Identifying and Managing Patients with Frailty

New BMA and NHS Employers guidance summarises requirements under the GMS contract from 1st July 2017 which require practices to routinely identify moderate and severe frailty in patients aged 65 years and over. Similar requirements will be made of PMS and APMS contract holders.

Practices will be required to use an appropriate tool, for example the Electronic Frailty Index (eFI), to identify patients aged 65 and over who are living with moderate or severe frailty. This information will be used to identify patient and commissioning need to support practices in the management of frailty.

Download the summary guidance at

<http://www.nhsemployers.org/~media/Employers/Documents/Primary%20care%20contracts/GMS/Summary%20of%20requirements%20for%20frailty.pdf> (PDF).

Further information can be found on the NHS England Frailty team site

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/ourwork/ltc-op-eolc/older-people/frailty/supporting-resources-general-practice/>.

Roll-Out of New Medical Records Movement Service

Primary Care Support England (PCSE) has this month started rolling out the new records movement service to GP services across England.

Practices in phase one of the roll-out have been notified by email, and will start receiving tracking labels with their usual weekly CitySprint visit. Practices will need to match the tracking label with the relevant medical record and affix the label to the front of the shipping bag, ready for collection. The record will then be delivered directly to the new GP practice, or into long-term storage.

PCSE has produced a range of materials to help guide practices through new processes and answer any queries they may have. These materials, which include video guides, are available on the [PCSE website](#).

PCSE are billing the roll-out of the labelling service as a major step in resolving the long waiting times that many practices have been experiencing before they receive records for new patients. Please let the LMC office know if you experience any problems with the implementation of the new system so that we can monitor issues in our area and provide feedback nationally.

Integrated Care Animation

NHS England has produced a short animation to reflect the evolution of STPs and future aspirations for integrated care. This may be of interest to practices to utilise on TV screens to make patients aware of the changes.

View the short animation at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DsGTxKRdsdU>.

Update on New Patient Registrations

As you are aware, Primary Care Support England (PCSE) is responsible for processing new patient registrations and de-registrations at GP practices. They have published some hints and tips to help ensure patients can be registered at practices as smoothly as possible. Please see the [Registrations](#) page for further information.

A new patient removal request form has been produced to provide clarity on all the information needed to process removal requests as efficiently as possible. This new form is now in use and can be downloaded from the [Registrations](#) page.

Contacting Primary Care Support England

A new enquires form is now available on the PCSE website: <https://pcse.england.nhs.uk/contact-us/>

The form contains all the required fields PCSE say they need to process your query. They are encouraging use of the form and advise that selecting the 'type of enquiry' will ensure your query gets to the right team as quickly as possible.

Clinical Pharmacists in General Practice – Next Deadline for Applications is 29th September

NHS England is still inviting GP practices and other providers of general practice medical services to apply for funding to help recruit, train and develop more clinical pharmacists.

Providers participating in the programme will receive partial funding for three years (60% in Year 1, 40% in Year 2 and 20% in Year 3) towards the cost of recruiting and establishing clinical pharmacists in their general practices for the long term.

Further details including guidance and how to apply can be found at <https://www.england.nhs.uk/gp/gpfv/workforce/building-the-general-practice-workforce/cp-gp/>. The deadline for the next wave of applications to the scheme is **Friday 29th September 2017**.

Please contact the LMC office if you would like to discuss an application you are considering or working on. We are also happy to provide informal feedback on any draft applications you may have already written. The scheme was massively over-subscribed in Round 2 (the results of which have recently been announced) and it is therefore more important than ever that your application meets all the essential criteria if it is to be successful.

GUIDANCE & RESOURCES

Psychological Help for People Following a Major Incident

NHS England have issued an [open letter](#) to GPs and healthcare practitioners to help with identifying appropriate further support for those affected by major incidents such as those recently seen in Manchester and London.

The letter summarises evidence from similar events and outlines how to support patients contacting their GP following a major incident.

An NHS leaflet [Coping with stress following a major incident](#) is also available to download (PDF).

GENERAL NEWS

Capped Expenditure Process

The BMA has produced a briefing on the Capped Expenditure Process (CEP), a new regulatory intervention designed to radically and rapidly cut spending within specific geographical areas in England.

14 health economies have been selected so far and commissioners and providers in each of them are under intense pressure to reduce their spending, and have been told to 'think the unthinkable' with regards to cuts. Our region's STP, Humber Coast and Vale, is affected as both North Lincolnshire and Vale of York and Scarborough and Ryedale are selected for CEP.

The CEP has not been announced publicly and only limited details have been made available, typically by individual trusts and CCGs, or through leaks to the press. However, the briefing provides an explanation of what is currently known about the process and its potential implications for doctors, patients, and the NHS.

You can access and download the full briefing [here](#).

New Contract for North East Lincolnshire Non-Emergency Medical Transport Services

The new contract for non-emergency medical transport services in North East Lincolnshire started on Saturday July 1 2017. Yorkshire Ambulance Service is now responsible for providing the service.

The telephone number for booking remains the same for non-emergency medical transport: **0333 130 0514** and covers all the sites in the service area as specified below:

- All healthcare facilities located in the NHS East Riding of Yorkshire boundary and NHS Hull boundary
- All Hull and East Yorkshire hospitals NHS Trust sites; all facilities at Scunthorpe General Hospital; Diana, Princess of Wales Hospital, Scarborough District Hospital, York District General Hospital; Selby War Memorial Hospital; Malton Community Hospital

Any non-eligible patients will be signposted to other transport providers such as community transport, medibus, taxi operators, public transport, family, friends as options for their consideration.

Anyone needing further information should email Becky Welbourn, Senior Contracts Manager for NHS East Riding of Yorkshire Clinical Commissioning Group: becky.welbourn@nhs.net

New Chair of GPC Elected

Richard Vautrey has been [elected leader of the BMA GPs committee](#), succeeding Chaand Nagpaul who has gone on to become BMA council chair.

Dr Vautrey, a Leeds GP, has been deputy chair of the committee since 2012 and takes on the role as leader of the English and UK GPCs with immediate effect.

GP Patient Survey Results

The BMA has undertaken an analysis of the GP Patient Survey results which were published in early July 2017.

In brief, the survey found that while confidence in GPs remains high, patients are finding it harder to see or speak to someone at their surgery, and are increasingly dissatisfied with the amount of time their doctor is able to spend with them. The full analysis is available [here](#) (PDF).

Keep the LMC Up to Date

Please inform us of any changes at your practice to enable us to update our records, including:

- Changes to GPs – new starters, leavers etc.

- Regular locums that will be working at the practice
- Changes to Practice Managers/Business Managers/Assistant Practice Managers or other staff who should be on the LMC mailing list
- Mergers
- Change of practice name
- Change of contractual status e.g. PMS to GMS

The easiest way to do this is just by dropping us an email to: humberside.lmcgroup@nhs.net

Thank you!



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