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State Indemnity Scheme Update

GPC are working with the Department of Health and Social Care on the details of a state-backed indemnity scheme. DoH&SC has issued the following update:

“Following the Secretary of State’s announcement on 12 October 2017 of a state-backed indemnity scheme for general practice in England, the Government has started work with GPs and their representatives to develop a more stable and more affordable indemnity scheme for general practice. This will require significant complex work before it can be implemented, including further work with GP representatives and other parties to develop our plans.

We expect to announce further details of the scheme in May 2018, with the scheme going live from April 2019. Until the scheme is in place, GPs should continue to ensure they have appropriate indemnity cover in line with GMC requirements to enable them to practise. We want to ensure that the scheme works best for general practice and their patients, and provides value for money for government. As part of this work, we are commissioning a survey so that we can draw on an informed and up to date view of the GP indemnity market as we design the scheme. The survey will commence shortly, and we want to encourage GPs who are contacted to take part, as well as other health professionals working in general practice, to respond.”

MMR PGD

Public Health England’s has provided this revised [MMR PHE PGD template](#), which will replace v01.00 which expires on 28 February 2018. The new template will be uploaded on the [PHE website](#), and a link to this page is also available on the GPC’s [PGD guidance page](#).

GDPR Update

The Information Governance Alliance is experiencing delays in the publication of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) advice material. For reference, their holding message states:

“The IGA is working hard with other partners to try and ensure material is published as quickly as possible. However, we do acknowledge the need to consider both the forthcoming Article 29 working party guidance that will inform what the ICO will produce, and the Data Protection Bill. When this is approved it may change the advice provided.”

GPC is producing guidance, which is currently with the legal team, and it is hoped this will be available within a few weeks. NHS Digital has produced some [NHS specific GDPR guidance](#) and four PDFs are now available with clearer reference to application for Health and Social Care; that said, the GP/Primary Care Suite is not due to be published until Mar/Apr.

CLMC will hold an event on GDPR when the information is ready (possibly mid-April) but we do not wish to put in anything too early to find the guidance and Bill is altered. We will keep practices updated.

GPC Newsletter

To read the latest newsletter, please click [here](#).

GPC Sessional GP Newsletter

[February’s newsletter](#) includes Zoe Norris’ chair’s blog on the Bawa-Garba ruling, a pensions update, a feature from the member relations team on maternity leave and pay and advice on choosing an online consultation system guidance from GPC’s GP IT policy group.

European Study on eHealth Usage Amongst GPs

[BDI research](#) would like to invite you to participate in a study they are conducting among General Practitioners in all European countries. The study is sponsored by the European Commission with the aim of obtaining a better understanding on the use of Information and Communication Technologies among General Practitioners in their daily activities.

Your participation would consist of answering an online questionnaire with a duration of 15-20 minutes. The result of your contribution will ultimately benefit both healthcare professionals and patients. Please find attached an endorsement letter from the European Commission.

[Take part](#) in the survey.

All information you provide will remain strictly confidential, following all applicable data protection regulations and market research associations' ethical guidelines.