

CLMC Bulletin 365 – 18.09.18

Redcar & Cleveland Housing Strategy 2018 – 2023 Consultation – have your say

Given all of the discussions that are currently taking place around premises and the impact of housing development upon practices (growing lists etc) we felt it pertinent to circulate details of this consultation to allow practices to have their say. There is an avenue for funding to be levered into NHS/practice premises to ensure that the health system is considered and able to cope in response to the developments. This is called a Section 106 agreement and you may have seen the recent success in London where £1m was levered from building developed for general practice. Please take a moment to look at the information below and the proposed strategy (bottom of the page on the link) and have your say.

Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council has published its Consultation Draft Housing Strategy, covering the period 2018 – 2023. The strategy sets out an ambitious vision for housing in the borough and also identifies the key objectives, priorities and actions that are required to meet the challenges facing us and our residents in the coming years.

The purpose of the strategy is to set out how the Council and its partners intend to address key housing issues over the next five years and beyond. It will act as a guide for future investment decisions and in determining the shape and scope of housing services in the borough.

As a key stakeholder, would be delighted to hear from you regarding the draft housing strategy, in particular whether you believe the key objectives, priorities and actions set out are the right ones, or whether there are any other housing issues that we have not adequately addressed. We are also keen to hear if there are any other ways in which the strategy could be improved.

To assist with the consultation process, a questionnaire has been produced which can be completed online, [by following the link on the Council's website](#) (the strategy can be also be viewed on this link), or can be downloaded and returned to the address identified.

The consultation runs until 5pm on Friday 26th October.

Pension Earning Discrepancies

As outlined in this [letter](#), the NHS England sample review of pension scheme records has shown discrepancies between some of the pensionable earnings and contributions data which has been provided to NHS BSA. They are now going to carry out a larger review, focusing on those nearing retirement age, to identify and resolve these issues.

GPs, who pay their contributions into the NHS Pensions Scheme in good faith and use these to plan for the future, will understandably be very concerned to learn that they may have been affected by this administration error. Although NHS England have reassured they will deal with this problem, this is yet another issue that GPs and practices have to contend with and GPC have insisted that NHS England needs to ensure that hard-working family doctors are not negatively affected by what appears to be a longstanding error. If, as part of this review, GPs are asked for additional financial advice GPC have said that it is imperative that they are reimbursed for any expenses incurred through no fault of their own.

CLMC and ST CCG have a meeting scheduled with PCSE on 1 October. Whilst we cannot promise to get answers to all PCSE queries we will be discussing key issues/ recurring themes so please do let us know if you have any issues which you have not yet brought to Jackie's attention so we can ensure we use this meeting wisely.

GDPR Survey on SARs – reminder to have your say

You still have time to respond to the GPC survey about the financial and resource implications of the increased number of subject access request (SARs) following the introduction of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) in order to assist the GPC in accurately quantifying the full scale of this problem. Please click [here](#) to access the survey (only 1 response per practice is needed)

Infection Control Resources, including UTI resources

The Community Infection Control Team have worked with local CCGs and other healthcare professional colleagues to produce a suite of resources for General Practice providing advice and a point of reference to patients, care staff and healthcare professionals on preventing, diagnosing and managing UTI's. Reducing the number of UTI's, and prompt recognition and appropriate management of UTI's helps to reduce unnecessary hospital admissions and supports The Secretary of State for Health's ambition to reduce healthcare associated GNBSI and inappropriate antimicrobial prescribing by 50% before 2021.

The resources can be downloaded by clicking on the links below:

- ['Guidance for Healthcare Professionals in General Practice to aid with the diagnosis and management of UTI in care home residents'](#) poster
- ['Are you drinking enough?'](#) poster
- ['Preventing UTIs and dehydration slide show for General Practice waiting areas'](#) PowerPoint

You can also view their latest bulletin [here](#)

State-backed Indemnity Scheme

The [GPC medical indemnity guidance](#) (see tab on state backed indemnity). has been updated to give some more information about the scheme and how it will impact on GPs.

VAT Information

GPC understands that practices are being asked to provide NHS England with VAT information associated with each practice. It is their view under the Premises Cost Directions, the information practices are required to provide is:

- Are you registered for VAT? If so, what is the VAT registration number?
- Do you intend to claim a refund or allowance in respect of any element of the costs that you received financial assistance from NHS England/CCG?

GPC are working with NHS England to ensure that they are seeking to capture the right information from practices. If you are being asked to provide any other information, please inform GPC by emailing info.gpc@bma.org.uk

Docman Incident

As practices will be aware, there was a record transfer safety breach by the Docman software (version 7), where documents received by practices using NHS mail are not being reliably transferred into patients' electronic records. If practices using this software have not received information about this issue, or have any concerns, they should contact their CCG in the first instance or email NHS England on england.PCDT-Management@nhs.net

GPC continue to feed in examples to NHS E highlighting the impact this is having on practices. If you still would like to provide feedback, you can access the [survey here](#)

Helping Doctors with Reflective Practice – GMC Guidance

[New guidance](#) to help doctors and medical students with reflection has been jointly published by the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges, Conference of Postgraduate Medical Deans, GMC and Medical Schools Council.

NHS Digital Academy – Cohort 2 applications now open

The NHS Digital Academy is a virtual organisation set up to support and help develop the digital leaders who can drive the information and technology transformation of the NHS. Through a partnership with Imperial College London, University of Edinburgh and Harvard Medical School, it provides a [year-long learning programme \(Post Graduate Diploma in Digital Health Leadership\)](#) for digital change leaders. Applications for the cohort 2, commencing in April 2019, are now open and more information can be found [here](#).

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