

CLMC Bulletin 355 – 22.05.18

GDPR – Important Update

Since last week we have heard that both CCGs WILL be providing a DPO for practices through NECS. We are awaiting information as to who the named person will be and how this will work but on this basis we are no longer proposing to commission the DPO training for practices at this time as we do not want practices unnecessarily struggling to fund this.

We have had practice managers contact us to clarify re the privacy notice templates that also formed part of this training proposal. Practices can access privacy notice templates free of charge through the BMA hub page so, again, we felt it was better to maximise the resources available free of charge at this time then we can reconsider should things change in the future or once there is further clarity on the GDPR requirements.

As a reminder: Template GDPR [practice privacy notices](#) (PPNs) have now been published on the GDPR [hub page](#) in the BMA resources section. The hubpage also contains information on the regulation and hosts a suite of resources and blogs to help guide members, including a new [GDPR webinar](#) to help practices prepare. The [drop box](#) created by GPC IT lead Paul Cundy is also being regularly updated.

We recommend you keep an eye on all these pages and if you have any questions about GDPR please contact Jackie.jameson@nhs.net.

PCSE – BMA Briefing, GPC Campaign and national Audit Office Report

The [National Audit Office](#) has released a report on NHS England's management of the PCSE contract with Capita. The report underlines how ill-prepared both NHS England and the outsourcing firm were when the programme was commissioned, and illustrates Capita's failure to deliver backroom services for GP practices and individual GPs.

GPC has also launched a campaign, asking for all general practice staff members and individual GPs who have been negatively impacted by one or more of the service lines to sign a pledge. Despite GPC writing to NHS England numerous times to express disappointment that the operation of the service continues to fall short of an acceptable standard and calling for action to resolve the issues, this remains a daily challenge for practices and many sessional GPs. Therefore this campaign will be used to further demonstrate how far reaching the poor delivery of PCSE is on practice staff and show the Government the number of individuals demanding for the service level to be improved. [Pledge your support](#)

The [BMA's PCSE webpage](#) has been updated and now includes a briefing which covers the background, an overview of issues and some advice/resources which may assist practices.

The [Sessional GPs subcommittee have also updated their guidance](#) on NHS Pensions following meetings with PCSE and NHS England. NHS England withdrew their support to Capita and the delivery of the PCSE contract in January this year, which brought unease as to how the service will continue and whether Capita will be able to deliver. This guidance aims to address the main questions that sessional GPs have raised.

Britlofex (lofexidine) Table Shortage

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) have informed GPC that Britannia will no longer be supplying Britlofex (lofexidine) tablets from the end of May, as all stock they have on hand is due to expire at the end of this month (see attached company letter). Due to ongoing manufacturing issues, Britannia are unable to confirm when they will next be back in stock, and the out of stock period is likely to last several months. They are the sole supplier of this product in the UK. The DHSC have been in discussion with specialist importer companies but have been unable to source supplies from abroad, as this product is not used in many other countries. They will update when they have any further information about the resupply of this product. UKMI have also prepared the following shortages memo, available [here](#).

Tier 2 Sponsorship Licence Process review

The Health Secretary, Jeremy Hunt, has written to the Health Committee on the issue of Non-EEA GP Visa regulation and in response the Committee is seeking case examples where the process set out in his letter is not working as planned. Read more [here](#).

The BMA's International and Immigration team are aware of trainees on GP training schemes, who towards the end of their training are unable to secure a post or are having to leave the UK because many GP practices do not hold a sponsorship license. The team is collating examples to forward to the Health Committee, which will be used as evidence that the process itself needs to be looked at again, and not to prompt any examination or re-examination of individual cases. Please email any case examples to Caroline Strickland at CStrickland@bma.org.uk.

GPC Newsletter

[Read](#) the latest GPC newsletter.

GPC Sessional GP Newsletter

The [May edition of the sessional GP newsletter](#) went out last week and reports on a recent sessional GP roundtable event and provides an update on sessional GP pension issues.