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Falsified Medicines Directive Guidance

The Falsified Medicines Directive will become effective on the 9th February 2019, however we expect there to be a long lead in time and that full implementation will not happen for at least 12 months, although this is still to be confirmed. The Directive introduces tougher rules to ensure medicines are safe and that the trade in medicines is rigorously controlled. This will have an impact on all practices and therefore, they should be preparing for implementation in order to demonstrate compliance with the Directive. View the [GPC guidance](#) and read Krishna Kasaraneni's, GPC England Executive Team, blog on Brexit and the Falsified Medicines Directive [here](#).

The Dispensing Doctors Association (DDA) has also issued guidance to its members, which is available [here](#).

GDPR and ICO Live Chat Facility

We often get queries around GDPR and data sharing and there are often many grey areas as all requests need to be considered individually and often have nuances not experienced before. Of great use is to use the ICO's live chat to discuss any specific scenario where it is unclear. At the end of the session you get emailed a complete copy of the chat which you can add to the record/share with requestor etc. <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/live-chat>

Update on Vaccines for 19/20 Seasonal Flu Vaccination Programme

NHS England has published an update on vaccines for 2019/20 seasonal flu vaccination programme. As stated previously, QIVe (18 to 64-year olds in clinical at-risk groups and other eligible groups, including frontline health and social care workers) and aTIV (65 years and over) remain recommended. In addition, QIVc (Flucelvax® Tetra), is now licensed for patients from the age of 9 and considered to be suitable for all patients eligible for QIVe and aTIV, meaning one vaccine instead of two.

The high-dose trivalent vaccine (TIV-HD) has also been licensed **but will not be reimbursed by NHS England due to its high cost.**

Practices should order the licensed vaccines (aTIV, QIVe and QIVc) for the 2019/20 season. Read the letter [here](#).

PCSE Year End Pension Communication

PCSE has sent guidance with regard to the annual end of year pension administration to all practices. Important areas to highlight include:

- Once you have submitted your end of year certificates PCSE will automatically adjust the next contractual payment run to account for the arrears or overpayments. You do not need to take any action.
If you wish to make a payment before the end of the 18/19 tax year you must submit your end of year certificates first. You can then make an ad-hoc payment via **online banking**. PCSE's customer support centre can provide NHS England's bank details over the phone. They can be contacted on 0333 014 2884.
When making a payment it is important to enter the reference in the following format:
Practice code – year ending – GP's full name, for example: P82004YEND2018- DR John Smith
- The cut-off date for the submission of annual certificates is **28th February 2019.**

Brexit – Continuity of Medicines Supply Legislation

The Department of Health and Social Care has responded to the consultation on changes to the Human Medicines Regulation 2012 to ensure the continuity of supply of medicines in the event of a serious shortage as a result of Brexit and published the Statutory Instrument and explanatory memorandum, which is available [here](#). The new protocols will allow for substitution, in restricted circumstances, of a different quantity of a prescription only medicine, or a different prescription only medicine, to that ordered by the prescriber

Implementation of the Medical Examiner System

From April 2019 a new medical examiner led system will begin to be rolled out within hospitals in England and Wales. The non-statutory system will introduce a new level of scrutiny whereby all deaths will be subject to either a medical examiner's scrutiny or a coroner's investigation. The government envisage that once the ME service is established within a Trust, the system will then look to be extended to include deaths within the community. Please see the GPC [website](#) for a fuller picture of the implementation, how this will affect GPs, and what the BMA are doing to support you.

BMA's GP Practice Support Services

The BMA has launched its [GP practice support services campaign](#), aimed at GP partners and practice managers in the UK. As a GP partner and BMA member, you have access to a range of practice support services in one place. This is designed to complement the LMC services you currently enjoy. As always, please pick up the phone/email to CLMC for advice, we are here for you, but there are some areas in which we have never had the qualifications or indemnity to advise (such as employment law and finance). It is hoped this service will pick up the areas to give additional support to practices; this includes access to HR support provided by the BMA's employer advice service, legal services from BMA Law, financial and insurance services, and members could also join one of the learning and development courses. The GP or their practice manager can call the BMA to discuss their practice needs. To discuss requirements practices are asked to call 0300 123 1233 or email support@bma.org.uk.

Are You Interested in Being an International GP Recruitment Practice?

NHS E are developing a 'hub & spoke' model when placing international GP recruits within the area. They are seeking a pilot 'spoke' practice within Tees. The practice will be funded and will have support from the NHS E team BUT you must have experience of supervising trainees (through you do not currently need to be registered training practice) and ideally have experience of non-UK trained GPs working within the practice. You will need to demonstrate good systems of care and be prepared to work with the NHS E team. Jackie circulated all details last week and we have had some expressions of interest but if you would like to add you name to the list or want further details please contact Jackie.jameson@nhs.net or gail.linstead@nhs.net (Gail is the NHS E International GP Recruitment lead and would be keen to meet up with any potential spoke practices to ensure they are aware of the requirements of the programme)

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