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Focus on Registration of Overseas Visitors – updated GPC guidance

GPC England has [updated its guidance](#) on the new contractual requirements regarding the registration of overseas visitors (GMS1 and GMS3 forms), introduced as part of the 2017/18 contract agreement.

CQC Inspections Postponed

CQC has taken the [decision to pause some routine inspections](#) of GP practices in England and urgent care services planned for January. This is in response to increased pressure on the health and care system as services struggle to cope with additional demand. While this is an encouraging move, it demonstrates the extent of the strain on the NHS.

Flu Vaccination – appeal to utilise existing stock

NHS England and RCGP have written to practices urging them to use up the remaining flu vaccination stock for their eligible patients over the next two weeks to maximise the impact of the vaccination programme. This is something we would wish to support.

Comment [FJ(1): Please link to as PDF to attached document titled Influenza vaccination Appeal letter from NHS E & RCGP 15118

NHS Pensions Type 1 Certificate

NHS pensions have informed the Type 1 Certificate will go live on the NHS Pensions website on Tuesday 16 January.

Sleep Deprivation & Fatigue in Doctors – BMA guidance and briefing paper

This [BMA briefing paper on fatigue and sleep deprivation](#) explores the impact of different working patterns on doctors and is accompanied by guidance on anticipating and managing fatigue associated with doctors' working patterns.

Supporting Mental Health in General Practice

[Mind](#), the mental health charity, has released a [survey](#) that looks into GPs' experiences in supporting people with mental health problems, including training in mental health, as well as wellbeing and what support mechanisms are in place to support GPs.

GPC GP Weekly Bulletin

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

GPC Sessional GP Newsletter

This month's [newsletter](#) includes sleep deprivation and fatigue, e-consulting, GPC elections, 'alternative careers' and a survey on LMC engagement with sessionals and GP trainees.

GP Retention Scheme – seeking GP feedback

GPC are currently looking for GPs who have joined the [2017 GP Retention Scheme](#) or the 2016 interim scheme to be involved with some work to promote the scheme. Initial signs are that the revamped scheme is proving popular, but in order to build on this and help make the scheme available to as many GPs as possible, they are keen to use case studies of GPs who have joined the scheme to help raise awareness. It is likely that this will involve the chosen GPs being involved with a video which covers the reasons why they have joined the scheme as an example to other GPs of how it can be useful.

GPC would like to hear from any GPs who have joined one of the schemes since 2016 and would be willing to share their case. Anyone who is interested should contact Christopher Scott (Workforce & Innovation team) via cscott@bma.org.uk



To: General Practice, England
Gateway ref: 07598

Date: 11 January 2018

Dear colleagues,

Urgent appeal from Bruce Keogh and Helen Stokes-Lampard re: Influenza vaccination

With Flu levels continuing to rise, we are writing to ask for your help in ensuring that all your practices' remaining stocks of vaccinations are used to immunise eligible patients in the next two weeks.

We appreciate the very real pressures you are under, but we only have a couple of weeks left to maximise the impact of the vaccine programme and nationally there are still over 3 million patients in target groups that could benefit from immunisation.

Some practices are already running successful 'Flu Clinics' and vaccinating patients as part of their routine GP appointments.

Many patients in target groups will be booked in for appointments in the coming fortnight, and we are asking you to ensure that all eligible patients already scheduled to attend your practices are offered the flu jab.

Thank you again to you and your teams for all your dedication and hard work, and for going above and beyond to keep our patients well this winter.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Sir Bruce Keogh

Professor Helen Stokes-Lampard

Medical Director NHS England

Chair Royal College of General Practitioners