

CLMC Bulletin 408 – 10.12.19

Registration of Individuals Leaving the Secure Residential Estate

In June 2019, NHS England and NHS Improvement issued information reminding CCGs and GPs of a contractual change in the [NHS England Standard General Medical Services \(GMS\) Contract 2017/18](#) (see page 64), which means that people can now register with a GP practice prior to their release from the secure residential estate (such as prisons, young offender institutions, immigration removal centres and secure training centres).

The aim of this is to help these individuals maintain continuity of care, avoid unplanned emergency admissions to hospital, and support their rehabilitation. Such individuals can also be initially reluctant to register with their GP practice post-release. Practices should be updating their procedures, as set out [here](#).

NHS England has been advised by healthcare providers working within the secure residential estate, that not all GP practices are aware of this, which has resulted in a number of issues with registering individuals with a community GP practice prior to their release. To help prevent this from happening, and support the registration of these patients, practices are encouraged to familiarise themselves with this process. If you have any queries, please email england.healthandjustice@nhs.net

BMA Pensions Modeller Survey

Work has begun on developing the Pension modeller for GPs, a version has been released that works for Consultants and SASC doctors. This [very short survey \(5mins\)](#) has been developed to help determine how up to date records are and what information you have received from NHS pensions. Please take a moment to complete this survey if you can.

For those that do have up to date information they will be given the chance to offer to provide paperwork to help develop the modeller for the wider profession.

North East & Yorkshire Cervical Screening Programme HPV Mobilisation Update

As you are aware, Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust are in the process mobilising the transition to the new HPV Primary Cervical Screening. They have provided us with this [summary of progress to date](#) and assure they are continuing to support practices and clinical areas within the geographical area throughout the phases.

GMS, PMS and APMS Standard Contract Update

NHS England have now [published the October 2019 standard GMS, PMS & APMS standard contracts and variations](#)

Electronic Prescription Service Update

The [Electronic Prescription Service](#) (EPS) allows prescribers to send prescriptions electronically to a dispenser of the patient's choice. Phase 4 of the EPS is currently being rolled out on TPP SystemOne. Read more [here](#) and see the FAQs attached. The GPC IT policy group lead, Anu Rao, has also written a [blog](#) about EPS and the other work streams that the group are involved in.

Currently, dispensing practices are unable to use the EPS for medicines dispensed by the practice dispensary. Further information for dispensing practices has been produced by the DDA and found [here](#). GPC continue to urge NHS England to enable the implementation of EPS for dispensing practices.

Manifesto Commitments

Ahead of the General Election next week on 12 December, the BMA has published a summary of what different party manifestos are pledging on health, available [here](#). The page also includes an analysis of how commitments compare to the BMA's manifesto 'asks' and a [template](#) to email your prospective parliamentary candidates.

GP Trainees' Views on the Future of General Practice – King's Fund report

The King's Fund produced this [report](#) based on a survey that received responses from 840 GP trainees in England. This repeated a survey they ran in 2016 and 2018. Key findings included:

- Only 27 per cent of trainees intend to work full time in general practice one year after qualifying and only 5 per cent after 10 years (down from 31 per cent and 10 per cent in 2016)
- The intensity of the working day remains the commonest reason for choosing part-time or portfolio work (69 per cent), although family commitments (66 per cent) and interest in other work like emergency medicine or palliative care (50 per cent) were also important factors. Other NHS clinical work or medical education continue as the commonest choices to combine with general practice as a portfolio career.
- Only 41 per cent of respondents are considering GP partnership at 10 years, down from 45 per cent in 2016; the most common reasons for this are the financial implications (58 per cent) and the lack of training in business matters (47 per cent).

It was also worth noting that in the 2016 survey, trainees reported they were considering portfolio working at a later stage in their career, but this year they saw an increase in the number of trainees considering it one and five years after qualifying (24 and 51 per cent, up from 18 and 44 per cent in 2016).

PCN Conference 2020

Building on the success of the first GPC conference for PCN clinical directors, a much bigger event is being prepared for next year. This will provide an opportunity to join other PCN leaders and gain insight into what's happening across England, share best practice and build supportive relationships. The PCN Conference will be on **Saturday 8 February**, at the ICC Birmingham. It is suitable for clinical directors, PCN leads and those providing supporting management. Learn more and get your early bird discount at www.bma.org.uk/pcn-whats-next

PCN Support Services – learning and development for clinical directors

The BMA learning and development team provides a bespoke offer of blended learning, focused on the topics crucial to developing your PCN plan and strategy. Learning will equip clinical directors, and those in supporting roles, with strategic planning, workforce planning, and leadership and management skills to help shape the direction of their PCN. Programmes will run from January to April 2020, in Bristol, Leeds and London. [Book now](#) or find out more on the [BMA website](#).

PCN – Next Steps for Practice Managers Event

CLMC recently attended the above event and you may find these slides helpful to review.

[General Conference Slides](#)

[NHS E Presentation](#)

If you would like further details or to discuss any slide content/and update on the event, please contact CLMC at janice.foster@nhs.net

Catherine Pearson pulled together a PM WhatsApp group following the East of England event and is very happy for anyone to join – if you would like to join please send Catherine a message on 07986 510074 or email her direct at Catherine.pearson3@nhs.net and she would be pleased to add you to the group.

PCN Organisational Data Service (ODS) Codes Published

NHS Digital has published [organisational data service codes](#) for Primary Care Networks, which will provide the PCN name, ODS code, affiliated practices, and 'lead' CCG for each PCN. You can access the ODS codes for PCNs [here](#).

England LMC Conference 2019 Resolutions

The England LMC Conference took place Friday 22nd November 2019 at the Light, at Friends House, London. [This document](#) details the conference resolutions, election results and motions lost.

Home Visits

There have been further reports in the media about the vote at the LMC England conference demanding that home visits should be removed from the core contract. The story was covered by the [Independent](#), [New Statesman](#), and a mention in a [Daily Mail](#) article about the King's Fund poll of GP trainees highlighted above.

Disability Survey

To mark International Day of People with Disabilities on 3 December, the BMA would like to know how disability and ill-health affects the careers of doctors and medical students, and the support you receive or would like to receive at work or in study. Take the short survey [here](#). Earlier this year the BMA spoke to deaf-blind medical student Alexandra Adams – [read the feature here](#)

National General Practice Profiles: 2019 annual update

Public Health England has published a data tool presenting a range of GP practice-level indicators using the latest available data in the [National General Practice Profiles](#). This tool is designed to support GPs, CCGs and local authorities to commission effective, appropriate healthcare services for their local populations. Users can search for and view data for individual GP practices and compare them with others in CCGs and across England.

Workforce Data

NHS Digital published the [workforce data](#) for this quarter, which showed a significant shortfall in GPs as well as doctor vacancies remaining high. According to the statistics, there were 9,319 medical vacancies in England in the second quarter of 2019/20, while there were more than 1,000 fewer full-time equivalent, fully-trained GPs in England than there were in September 2015 when the Government pledged to recruit 5,000 more. In response to this, Richard Vautrey of GPC said: "The long-term picture is damning, with hundreds fewer full-time equivalent, fully-qualified family doctors than we had this time last year. GP partner numbers are falling at an even faster rate, owing to the additional stresses of owning and running practices. Recent weeks have seen pledges from politicians about increasing GP numbers, but given that we've lost 1,000 GPs since we were promised 5,000 more back in 2015, much more needs to be done to make this happen." Read the BMA press release [here](#).

GPs as Specialists in General Practice

GPC previously agreed a joint statement with the Royal College of GPs and the General Medical Council, which stated that GPs should be considered as expert medical generalists, and as such are specialists in general practice, and that therefore the GP and Specialist Registers should be merged. The position has now been supported by the Academy of Royal Colleges. Read their statement [here](#).

Performers List to be Moved to PCSE Online

In December 2019 the management of the performers list will be switched to PCSE online. This will mean that rather than applying for changes to the performers list using paper forms, it will all be processed online. This is intended to provide better transparency of changes to the performer list and provide a more efficient service. Practices will already have received notification to the CQC registered manager to enable approved practice staff to administer practice-based changes to the performer list.

Clinical Academic Career Progression Survey

Are you an academic GP? The BMA's Medical Academic Staff Committee would very much appreciate if you could fill in their short survey about the changes needed to improve diversity and career progression in medical research, education and clinical academia. Take the survey [here](#)

Public Health Conference 2020

Public Health Medicine Committee will be holding their [Public Health conference on 26 February 2020](#) at the BMA House London. The underpinning theme of the conference will be '21st century public health' and what that might mean for public health professionals. The conference will include keynote speakers on the issues of climate change and economic inequality. If you are interested in attending or for further information, please contact info.phmc@bma.org.uk

Sandy Macara Memorial Lecture

The Public Health Medicine committee is also organising the '[Macara Lecture 2020](#)', to be held at the *Wales Millennium Centre on 28 January 2020*. This address honours the life and work of the former BMA Council Chair Sir Alexander Macara who died in 2012. The Sandy Macara Memorial Address 2020 is being delivered by Professor Ronan Lyons, Professor of Public Health at Swansea University. The subject of the lecture, 'Big Data and Public Health', also picks up on the conference theme of twenty first century public health. If you are interested in this event, please contact info.phmc@bma.org.uk

GPC Newsletter

Read the latest GPC newsletter [here](#).