

## **CLMC Bulletin 416 – 25.02.20**

### **GP Contract in England**

Following the GPC vote to accept the [changes to the GP contract in England for 2020-21](#), we have organised a local event (a CLMC open meeting) with Dr Krishna Kasaraneni of the Executive Team of the GPC in attendance in order for you to hear and pose questions about the 2020/21 contract changes. The event is confirmed to take place on Tuesday 17 March, 6.30pm refreshments for 7pm start. The venue is now confirmed as the Sporting Lodge, Low Lane, Stainton, Middlesbrough, TS17 9LW. The event is open to all Tees GPs, practice partners and practice managers. Please register to attend by emailing [Jackie.jameson@nhs.net](mailto:Jackie.jameson@nhs.net) with your name, status and practice no later than 10 March.

Our intention is to cover:

- 1) GP Contract
- 2) PCN DES (contractual obligations)
- 3) Special LMC Conference (feedback on discussions plus any motions/comments provided by our constituents and the mandate GPC will be working to going forward)
- 4) Q&A to CLMC and GPC (any additional questions constituents may wish to cover that have not been discussed)

The King's Fund have produced a summary of the contract changes which can be read [here](#).

### **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update**

The containment of COVID-19 remains of major concern and GPC are monitoring the situation and will continue to disseminate information as it becomes available.

[The GPC webpage](#) is regularly updated with guidance and links to information from Public Health England, Health Protection Scotland, Public Health Wales and Public Health Agency (Northern Ireland), and the Department of Health and Social Care; it includes a link to the updated PHE [guidance for primary care](#), posters for practices and [guidance by the RCGP](#) (including practice action cards). The updated PHE guidance advises that the patient should be isolated and to call 111 directly, rather than there being an expectation that the GP does this. NHS England also distributed this [briefing for primary care providers](#) earlier this week.

GPC also wrote to the NHS England about coronavirus emergency planning, including the feasibility of an online booking suspension and procurement challenges such as the cost of supplies and equipment. We are aware that online booking is causing concern locally, not least due to the fact that patients can use this system without any of the appropriate triage meaning they can attend a practice before a potential risk is identified. The only agreed solution at this time is to ensure you have a note on your booking system to deter inappropriate attendance but we will continue to pursue this. In the meantime, we would encourage all practices to continue to follow current advice from PHE, and for anyone who suspects they might be at risk of having the virus, or has developed symptoms, to call NHS 111.

### **PCN Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme Slippage**

As a result of further discussions GPC have had with NHSEI, they have sent a [letter to commissioners about the PCN Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme](#), which states "NHS England encourages commissioners to use unspent entitlement to enable PCNs to recruit now to any of the ten roles which will be included in the Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme from 1 April 2020" and "commissioners are encouraged to reimburse any new appointments from 17 February at 100% of salary and employer 'on-costs', up to the maximum reimbursable amounts for each role, as set out in Table 1 of the GP contract update, with a view to these workforce roles then becoming eligible for reimbursement under the Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme from 1 April 2020 without any change to their terms and conditions. Commissioners may also use this unspent funding to support PCN recruitment exercises. "

### **IR35 Guidance for Locum GPs**

GPC have updated all their employment status (IR35) guidance into one easy-to-read document so that locum GPs have all the information they need to be confident in determining their employment status. Read more in a [blog](#) by Matt Mayer, deputy chair of the GP Sessional GP committee.

### **NHS 111 Data Sharing Agreements**

Nationally practices are still being approached by NHS111 providers to sign Data Sharing Agreements in order for NHS 111 staff to book GP appointments directly. GPC advice stands that a DSA is not necessary for the purposes of assigning an appointment only as it does not require access to the patient's medical record.

### **NHS Digital and the Private Healthcare Information Network (PHIN) Consultation**

NHS Digital and the Private Healthcare Information Network (PHIN) have launched a consultation as part of the next phase of a programme to align private healthcare data with NHS recorded activity. The consultation sets out a series of changes to how data is recorded and managed across private and NHS care, along with a series of pilot projects, based upon feedback from a variety of stakeholders. The consultation, which has been launched following the publication of the Paterson Inquiry, is hosted on the [NHS Digital Consultation Hub](#).

### **Pensions**

The deadline to submit the NHS Pension Scheme end of year Type 1 medical practitioner (GP Provider) certificate or the Type 2 medical practitioner (salaried GP) self-assessment form for year 2018/19 is Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2020. These need to be submitted to Primary Care Support England in accordance with the statutory NHS Pension Scheme Regulations. You can access all GP pension forms using [this link](#)

### **Childhood Health Briefing**

The BMA has published the report [Supporting a healthy childhood - The need for greater investment in services in England](#), which highlights a serious lack of investment across a range of child services, leaving doctors concerned about the adverse impact on child health in England. The BMA is urging the Government to increase investment across the entirety of children's health and social care services, and reverse local authority cuts to ensure children have a healthy start in life.

### **Have your say - DWP survey for doctors involved in benefits process for the terminally ill**

The Department for Work and Pensions is evaluating how the benefits system, including the DS1500 process, supports those nearing the end of their lives and desperately needs views from those doctors involved. To have your say please complete this short [survey](#).

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