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GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR) DROPBOX

Further to the article in the March LMC newsletter noting the availability of British Medical Association guidance on the GDPR, Dr Paul Cundy, General Practitioners Committee IT Lead has created a GDPR Dropbox containing numerous guidance documents and regulatory documents, as well as a series of blogs, which can be viewed, downloaded and shared. We would particularly encourage practices to read the blogs which cover issues such as the Data Protection Officer, Privacy Notices, Texts and E-mails, Lawful Processing, Subject Access Requests and a Things to do list.

The GDPR Dropbox can be accessed via:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/h22kak6pxlt8ily/AAB4gAuHKib_MZ44Xi3AbAf4a?dl=0

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GP CONTRACT AGREEMENT ENGLAND 2018/19

General Practitioners Committee (GPC) England recently concluded negotiations with NHS Employers for amendments to the 2018/19 General Medical Services contract. The changes will also be reflected in the Personal Medical Services contract and regulations.

Key aspects of the agreement include:

- Interim uplift of 1% for pay and in line with inflation for expenses, which would be increased further following any uplift secured through the Review Body on Doctors' and Dentists' Remuneration process.
- Increase in indemnity costs covered.
- Uplift in line with inflation for those vaccinations and immunisations in the Statement of Financial Entitlements.
- Uplift to reimbursements of locum cover for sickness and maternity / paternity / adoption leave.
- Fixed-term contracted salaried GPs for sickness / parental leave will be reimbursed (in line with locum cover).
- Minor amendments to clinical aspects of vaccinations and immunisations.
- £10m to support the implementation of the electronic referral service.
- Quality and Outcomes Framework point value to be uplifted to reflect population increase.

- New regulations to support practices in the removal of violent patients.
- New premises cost directions.

Full details of the contract, a letter from GPC England, FAQs and an indemnity briefing can be accessed via:

<https://www.bma.org.uk/gpcontractengland>.

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PATIENTS RINGING FOR TELEPHONE ADVICE WHILE ABROAD

Concerns have been raised regarding giving telephone advice to patients while they are abroad, in view of the fact that the NHS does not carry responsibility for patients while they are abroad. In summary:

1. Persons who have left the UK, or who are intending to leave the UK for more than 3 months are not normally allowed to continue to be registered with a practice. They should be removed from a practice's list and advised to register with a local doctor for their continuing medical needs. It is reasonable for GPs to prescribe sufficient medication to give patients time to do this. Advice for patients moving / studying abroad can be found at:
<https://www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland/Healthcareabroad/movingabroad/Pages/Introduction.aspx>.
2. For those people who are overseas for a short period, it is a matter for individual practices to decide how to deal with requests for advice. However, we have been made aware of a Defence Organisation's indemnity provision being limited to UK patients only, and that members are **not indemnified** for telephone consultations carried out with patients who are outside the UK. In view of this, **we would advise against offering telephone advice to patients while abroad**. Any practice that does currently provide such advice and decides to:
 - continue to do so, should **check their indemnity cover with their Defence Organisation as a matter of urgency**;
 - cease doing so should make patients aware of this via the practice website / waiting room notice boards etc.

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RESPONSIBILITY FOR PRESCRIBING BETWEEN PRIMARY & SECONDARY / TERTIARY CARE

NHS England recently published guidance which sets out the principles that should be applied in ensuring proper governance and patient safety. The guidance was written in response to a commitment made in the General Practice Forward View, and aims to improve processes and collaboration across the primary and secondary care interface.

The guidance, which covers issues such as medicines optimisation, clinical responsibility and the prescribing of medicines and non-medical prescribing, can be accessed via:

<http://www.sheffield-lmc.org.uk/website/IGP217/files/responsibility-prescribing-between-primary-secondary-care-v2.pdf>.

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NHS PRIMARY CARE MEDICAL SERVICES IN INSTITUTIONS AND CARE HOMES IN THE UK

The General Practitioners Committee has published updated guidance which covers issues such as:

- Registration of hospital inpatients;
- Provision of services;
- Obligation to carry out a visit;
- Indicators of whether GPs are responsible for patient care;
- Providing primary care services to patients in secondary care institutions;
- Providing primary care to patients in non-hospital institutions or care homes.

The guidance can be accessed via:

<https://www.bma.org.uk/advice/employment/gp-practices/service-provision/nhs-primary-care-medical-services-in-institutions-and-care-homes-in-the-uk>.

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UK CONFERENCE OF LMCs 2018

General Practitioners Committee and LMC representatives met at the UK Conference of LMCs on 9 March 2018. Proposals from individual LMCs across the country are debated, alongside those from the GPC. The outcome of the debate determines the framework for the profession's negotiations. The structure of the Conference allows for Q&A sessions and themed debates, as well as voting on motions submitted by LMCs.

Sheffield LMC's report on the main items of note can be accessed via:

<http://www.sheffield-lmc.org.uk/website/IGP217/files/UK%20Conference%20of%20LMCs%20Mar18.pdf>.

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PRE-REGISTRATION FOR RELEASED PRISONERS

GP contract changes last year allowed for a system for pre-registration of patients as they are about to leave the residential estate, to ensure continuity of care. General Practitioners Committee England and the British Medical Association's Forensic and Secure Environments Committee support this initiative.

We have been contacted by North and East London Commissioning Support Unit regarding a pilot phase which will take place over the next few months in this region. We will, of course, keep practices informed and would urge practices to support this initiative if approached to take part.

The intention is that by 2020 the prison health record will be continuous with the practice held record.

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HOW CARE QUALITY COMMISSION (CQC) MONITORS, INSPECTS AND REGULATES NHS GP PRACTICES

The CQC recently issued updated guidance. The changes to the guidance since the October 2017 version are:

- New annual provider information collection (for practices rated as good and outstanding);
- New annual regulatory review (for practices rated as good and outstanding);
- Pre-inspection provider information request (for practices rated as requires improvement and inadequate);
- Information on focused and follow-up inspections;
- Information on evidence in inspection reports;
- Changes to levels of ratings and aggregating ratings for population groups.

A copy of the revised guidance can be accessed via:

http://www.sheffield-lmc.org.uk/website/IGP217/files/20180306_how_we_regulate_primary_medical_services_mar18update.pdf.

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CARE QUALITY COMMISSION (CQC) FEES FOR REGISTERED PROVIDERS 2018/19

The CQC has written to practices regarding the confirmed fee changes which are now published on their website:

<http://www.cqc.org.uk/get-involved/consultations/regulatory-fees-201819-%E2%80%93-consultation#accordion-1>.

Please note that these fees are fully reimbursable as a result of a contractual change negotiated last year and written into the Statement of Financial Entitlement.

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LMC STATEMENT ON THE DR BAWA-GARBA CASE

West Pennine LMC recently published a statement on the Dr Bawa-Garba case, which they invited other LMCs to share. As a result we have published the following statement, which is based on West Pennine LMC's statement:

The treatment of our colleague Dr Bawa-Garba is a pivotal moment in the history of our medical profession. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the two families at the centre of this tragedy - the Adcock and the Bawa-Garba families.

The penalties handed down to Dr Bawa-Garba - conviction for manslaughter and being struck off by the General Medical Council (GMC) send a powerful message to all doctors and other clinicians in the UK. We learn that a doctor could become a scapegoat for system failure in the NHS. We learn that this is not an isolated case, but since the GMC gained the right to challenge its own Medical Practitioner Tribunal Services in January 2016, it has brought 18 such cases, being successful in 12.

This message comes at a time of crisis in the NHS when medical and other staff are working in overstretched and often unsupported conditions. We stand in support of our colleague Dr Bawa-Garba in inviting LMCs across the UK to make a united statement. We call on the clinical leaders of our medical profession to stand up together and to publicly denounce the handling of this case and to make a clear statement on what we stand for together.

In addition, it is of note that at the UK Conference of LMCs on 9 March 2018 LMCs declared a vote of no confidence in the GMC. The motion passed by the Conference has been sent to all branches of practice in the BMA as this is a pan-professional issue and it is important that the BMA provides consistent advice to all doctors. The BMA has now had a number of meetings with the GMC to address some of these fundamental issues and will be running a number of relevant events, including a summit on system pressures and patient safety, a work programme and event on racial bias, and a major pan-professional survey to provide a comprehensive picture of the impact of system pressures on doctors.

A web portal for sharing experiences of doctors working in a system under pressure has also been introduced: <https://r1.dotmailer-surveys.com/00jvxef-a92tly1f>.

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GP RETENTION SCHEME

NHS England has made minor revisions to the guidance for the GP retention scheme, which can be accessed via: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/gp-retention-scheme-guidance-v4.pdf>.

The main change of significance for GPs and practices is that the wording in the *Eligibility criteria for GP practices* section around employing more than one retained GP (RGP) per practice has been improved, so that it now states "Practices may employ more than one RGP where there is capacity for support and long term career opportunities with the prior approval of the designated HEE RGP Scheme Lead".

More information about the scheme can be found in the British Medical Association's *GP Retention Scheme: step-by-step guide*, available via:

https://www.bma.org.uk/advice/employment/gp-practices/general-practice-forward-view/workforce/retained-doctor-scheme?utm_source=The%20British%20Medical%20Association&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=9246242_NEW26A1%20GP%20NEWSLETTER%2007%2F03%2F18&dm_i=JVX,5I6G2,36IQY5,LCIGI,1.

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SESSIONAL GPs E-NEWSLETTER: MARCH 2018

The March edition of the Sessional GPs e-newsletter is available on the British Medical Association website at: <https://bma-mail.org.uk/t/JVX-5IP3O-1BJCJOU46E/cr.aspx>.

The main articles include:

- Why sessional GPs need their LMC;
- GMC commitment follow Bawa-Garba ruling;
- UK council elections 2018-2022.
- Strategy for a safe workload;
- Quick neurological exam for primary care;

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YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER NURSE MENTOR OF THE YEAR 2018

Article submitted by Kiz Haigh, Practice Manager, Birley Health Centre

We are pleased to announce that Birley Health Centre's Nurse Practitioner Sarah Newton, has won Yorkshire and the Humber Nurse Mentor of the Year 2018. Sarah won the regional heat in February and reached the finals for giving inspirational support to student nurses on placement in primary care.

Her work is recognised as critical in helping to facilitate the development of future generations of nurses, helping students to translate theory into practice and making what is learned in the classroom a reality.

I'm sure you will congratulate Sarah in winning this prestigious award and representing Sheffield in the finals.

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Please forward any articles for inclusion in the LMC newsletter to manager@sheffieldlmc.org.uk

Articles for the May edition to be received by Friday 11 May

Submission deadlines can be found at

<http://www.sheffield-lmc.org.uk/website/IGP217/files/Newsletter%20&%20VB%20Deadlines%202018.pdf>