

# SHEFFIELD LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE

# Newsletter

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### ***LMC OFFICE CLOSURE: FRIDAY 22 MAY***

The LMC Executive, Manager and Administrator will be attending this year's Annual Conference of LMCs, leaving Sheffield on the afternoon of Wednesday 20 May, returning in the evening of Friday 22 May. Emma Birtles, Administrative Assistant, will be in the office on the Wednesday and Thursday and will be able to contact the Executive and Secretariat with urgent queries.

On Friday 22 May the office will be closed. However, emails and answerphone messages will be accessed remotely. If you require urgent assistance from the LMC during this time, it would be appreciated if you could supply a telephone number and state the urgency of the query.

Thank you.

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### ***THE FUTURE OF GENERAL PRACTICE: KEY SURVEY FINDINGS***

The British Medical Association (BMA) has recently released their survey findings, which cover areas such as:

- Essentials of General Practice;
- Workload;
- Career motivations;

- Access, opening hours and consultation times.

Further information about the survey, along with links to the results, can be found on the BMA website at:

<http://bma.org.uk/working-for-change/negotiating-for-the-profession/bma-general-practitioners-committee/surveys/future-of-general-practice>

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### ***BD SUREPATH COLLECTION VIALS***

Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (STHFT) is introducing Totalys liquid based cytology technology. This more automated process, which will ensure improved patient safety and efficiency, requires the current vials to be replaced by newly designed vials.

On 6 May 2015 all Practice Managers should have received a Screening and Immunisation Team update which included a letter from Kay Ellis, Cytology Manager at STHFT and a training information card. The card introduces the new vials, explains how to remove the broom head into the correct vial chamber for processing and how to label the vial.

The new vials are gradually being introduced over the next few months. Practices can continue to use their current stock of vials, but these will not be accepted for samples dated **after 30 September 2015**.

If practices encounter any difficulties during the transition or have any queries please contact:

Cytology Laboratory  
[sh-tt.cytology@nhs.net](mailto:sh-tt.cytology@nhs.net)  
(0114) 226 5968

Or

Kay Ellis  
[kay.ellis@sth.nhs.uk](mailto:kay.ellis@sth.nhs.uk)  
(0114) 271 3697.

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### ***LOCUM GP ACCESS TO ICE***

Following a number of queries to the LMC office, confirmation has been received from Yorkshire and Humber Commissioning Support, that Locum GP access to the Integrated Clinical Environment (ICE) can be arranged. The main points to note are:

- Practice Managers can request access to ICE on behalf of a Locum GP who is due to work at the practice via email to [sheffield.itservicedesk@nhs.net](mailto:sheffield.itservicedesk@nhs.net).
- The email needs to include the name of the person needing access, their job title and their

unique number (eg Locum GP's GMC number), the site name and site code.

- A Locum GP who works regular sessions at one site only needs to be registered once in order to gain access at that site on a regular basis.
- A Locum GP who works at multiple sites will need to be registered by the Practice Manager at each individual site.
- 5 working days should be allowed for the registration process to be completed.
- An email confirmation will be sent to the Practice Manager when registration is complete.

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### **ELECTRONIC PRESCRIBING OF SCHEDULES 2 AND 3 CONTROLLED DRUGS**

As a result of a public consultation and advice from the Advisory Committee on Misuse of Drugs (ACMD), legislative amendments have been made to enable the electronic prescribing of Schedules 2 and 3 controlled drugs (CDs) for NHS and private prescribers.

Prescriptions will be signed with an advanced electronic signature and sent via the electronic prescription service (EPS), with its additional security features. The amendments require the total quantity of Schedules 2 and 3 CDs dispensed to be recorded in words and figures within the electronic prescription, as is the case for paper prescriptions for these drugs.

Three statutory instruments underpin this change as follows:

1. **NHS**  
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2015/915/contents/made>  
This comes into effect *from 1 July 2015*.
2. **Human Medicines**  
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2015/903/contents/made>  
This comes into effect *from 1 July 2015*.
3. **Home Office**  
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2015/891/contents/made>  
This comes into effect *from 1 June 2015*.

The public consultation response document and a letter containing advice from the ACMD have both been published and can be accessed via:

[www.gov.uk/government/consultations/extending-the-scope-of-the-electronic-prescription-service](http://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/extending-the-scope-of-the-electronic-prescription-service)

[www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/416677/ACMD\\_EPS\\_Advice\\_2\\_2.pdf](http://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/416677/ACMD_EPS_Advice_2_2.pdf)

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### **VACCINATIONS AND IMMUNISATIONS GUIDANCE AND SERVICE SPECIFICATIONS**

The Vaccination and Immunisation Programme 2015/16 – Guidance and Audit requirements and the Technical Requirements for 2015/16 contract changes have now been published. The service specifications for Childhood flu, Seasonal influenza and pneumococcal, MenC freshers, Pertussis (pregnant women) and Shingles (catch up) vaccination programmes are available.

The vaccinations and immunisations page of the BMA website has been updated to reflect the changes for 2015/16 and has links to all the guidance documents and service specifications:

<http://bma.org.uk/practical-support-at-work/gp-practices/service-provision/vaccination>

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### **INDUCTION AND REFRESHER SCHEME**

A national Induction and Refresher (I&R) Scheme was launched on 25 March. This was agreed by Health Education England, NHS England, the General Practitioners Committee (GPC) and the Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP).

Funding has been invested in the I&R scheme over a three year period and it is hoped GPs who have been out of the UK general practice workforce, eg on a career break / maternity leave or working overseas, will return to work. Scheme members will receive a monthly bursary of £2,300 pro rata and reimbursement for first assessment attempt costs, eg multiple choice questionnaire

(MCQ), simulated surgery etc, on completion of the scheme.

Practices will receive a supervision fee of £8,000 pro rata over a whole year.

GPs will be able to apply to the scheme via the National Recruitment Office (NRO). The NRO will direct applications to the most appropriate Area Team and Local Education and Training Board (LETB), and scheme entrants will receive expert advice and support in returning to work. Each Area Team will have a designated responsible officer for scheme members.

Further details about the scheme and how to apply can be found on the BMA website at:

<http://bma.org.uk/irscheme>

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### **SESSIONAL GPs E-NEWSLETTER**

The April edition of the sessional GP e-newsletter is available on the BMA website at:

<http://bma-mail.org.uk/t/JVX-3BR24-1BJCJOU46E/cr.aspx>

The main articles include:

- Returning to work just got easier.
- How good are you at receiving feedback?
- GP survey.
- Update your FGM knowledge for free.
- Changes to your contract.
- Thinking about have a baby?
- Job planning made simple.

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Please forward any articles, comments etc for inclusion in the LMC newsletter to the LMC office via email to:  
[manager@sheffieldlmc.org.uk](mailto:manager@sheffieldlmc.org.uk)

**Articles for the June edition to be received by Friday 5 June**

**Further submission deadlines can be found at:**

[http://www.sheffieldlmc.org.uk/Newsletters14/VB\\_and\\_Newsletter\\_Deadlines.pdf](http://www.sheffieldlmc.org.uk/Newsletters14/VB_and_Newsletter_Deadlines.pdf)