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CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE

The containment of COVID-19 remains of major concern and the British Medical Association (BMA) is monitoring the situation and will continue to disseminate information as it becomes available. The BMA's webpage is regularly updated with guidance and links to information from Public Health England and the Department of Health and Social Care:

https://www.bma.org.uk/collective-voice/policy-and-research/public-and-population-health/coronavirus-disease-2019?utm_source=The%20British%20Medical%20Association&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=11320773_NEW12A1%20GP%20NEWSLETTER%20200220&utm_content=Coronavirus&dm_t=0,0,0,0,0

NHS England (NHSE) has published 4 Standard Operating Procedures for primary care: [General practice](#), [Primary dental care settings \(including community dental services\)](#), [Community pharmacy](#) and [Optical practice](#). There are several issues that are not dealt with in the document for general practice and the BMA is liaising with NHSE to ensure they are resolved.

On the issue of travel insurers asking for GP notes to pay out for cancelled trips, Richard Vautrey, GPC Chair, recently stated "It is completely inappropriate for insurers and travel agents to be asking their customers to approach family doctors with such requests. GPs are not in a position to advise whether patients are fit to travel in this situation and it is not their responsibility to do this." If the Chief Medical Officer (or Foreign Office) has not advised against travel to a destination abroad, the decision as to whether or not to travel is entirely down to the patient.

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GENERAL PRACTITIONERS COMMITTEE (GPC) UPDATE – PRIMARY CARE NETWORKS (PCNS) & THE FUTURE

All represented Sheffield GPs and Practice Managers were recently emailed with an update on the above meeting, which the LMC held on Monday 17 February 2020. Links to the presentations given on the night have been circulated and can be found below:

Krishna Kasaraneni, GPC Executive Team

[https://www.sheffield-lmc.org.uk/website/IGP217/files/Primary%20Care%20Networks%20&%20The%20Future%20-%20GPC%20Presentation%20\(17Feb20\).pdf](https://www.sheffield-lmc.org.uk/website/IGP217/files/Primary%20Care%20Networks%20&%20The%20Future%20-%20GPC%20Presentation%20(17Feb20).pdf)

Alastair Bradley, LMC Chair

[https://www.sheffield-lmc.org.uk/website/IGP217/files/Primary%20Care%20Networks%20&%20The%20Future%20-%20LMC%20Presentation%20\(17Feb20\).pdf](https://www.sheffield-lmc.org.uk/website/IGP217/files/Primary%20Care%20Networks%20&%20The%20Future%20-%20LMC%20Presentation%20(17Feb20).pdf)

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PRIMARY CARE NETWORK (PCN) CONFERENCE 2020

On Saturday 8 February the General Practitioners Committee (GPC) held a PCN Conference in Birmingham, which Alastair Bradley, LMC Chair, attended. The event provided an opportunity for the attendees to hear and talk about the new GP contract agreement and its impact on the future of PCNs. Speakers included Krishna Kasaraneni, GPC England's lead for PCNs, Richard Vautrey, GPC Chair and Ed Waller from NHS England, as well as PCN Clinical Directors and Primary Care leaders on subjects such as law, HR and tax. The following documentation has now been made available:

GPC Summary

<https://pcn.bma.org.uk/takeaways-from-the-2020-primary-care-networks-conference/>

GPC Blog

https://www.bma.org.uk/connecting-doctors/the_practice/b/weblog/posts/gp-contract-a-brighter-future-for-our-profession

LMC Update on NHS England's Presentation

<https://www.sheffield-lmc.org.uk/website/IGP217/files/PCN%20Conference%20-%20NHSE%20Update%208Feb20.pdf>

LMC Update on HMRC's Presentation

<https://www.sheffield-lmc.org.uk/website/IGP217/files/PCN%20Conference%20-%20HMRC%20Update%208Feb20.pdf>

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PRIMARY CARE NETWORK (PCN) SCENARIOS / MODELLING

The British Medical Association (BMA) has started building scenarios based on information from PCNs (that are partially anonymised) so that colleagues can see how the Directed Enhanced Service (DES) translates to their specific situation. The first one - *PCN scenario: A four practice PCN in the South West* can be accessed via:

https://beta.bma.org.uk/media/2124/bma-pcn-scenario-a-2020.pdf?utm_source=The%20British%20Medical%20Association&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=11366026_NEW12A1%20GP%20NEWSLETTER%20050320&utm_content=PCN%20scenarios%20pdf&dm_t=0,0,0,0

This scenario has been modelled using data provided by the PCN and information from the GP contract agreement for 2019/20 and 2020/21. The scenario shows the income at PCN level, the members of the Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme (ARRS) workforce the PCN will recruit, how it will deliver the PCN service specifications and the impact that all of these will have on practice workload.

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GP CONTRACT AGREEMENT 2020/21 HEADLINES

Further to the lengthy documentation that has so far been issued on the GP Contract Agreement for 2020/21, Alastair Bradley, LMC Chair has produced a 4 page document containing the main headlines, which we hope practices will find helpful:

<https://www.sheffield-lmc.org.uk/website/IGP217/files/GP%20Contract%20Agreement%202020-21%20Headlines%20Mar20.pdf>

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PRIMARY CARE SUPPORT ENGLAND (PCSE) ONLINE SERVICES: PRACTICE REGISTRATION

The General Practitioners Committee (GPC) recently issued a reminder that practices are required to register a nominated administrator to be able to action performers list requests that require practice validation. While practices will already have administrators registered with PCSE Online for purposes such as supplies and medical records, additional registration is required for the performers list role. PCSE have sent letters with registration codes and details via recorded delivery to all Care Quality Commission (CQC) registered managers.

We checked the local situation with Julie Powdrell, Senior Engagement Manager, Communications & Engagement Team, PCSE who offered the following update:

- The PCSE online service for Performer List administration is now live.
- To enable practices to approve GP Performers who leave or join your practice you must register your User Administrators.
- User Administrators are responsible for assigning the Performer List Practice Managers, who will be able to approve the leaving and joining performers.
- Recent data shows that 52% of practices in Sheffield have registered.

Registration is quick and easy. A letter, which includes your unique User Access Code, was sent by secure courier in November addressed to the CQC Registered Manager and signed for on delivery. If you are unable to locate the letter, and after checking with all team members, please email pcse.user-registration@nhs.net to request a copy of the letter. A replacement letter will then be sent via secure courier within the next few weeks.

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FRIENDS AND FAMILY TEST REVISIONS

In advance of the revisions to the Friends and Family Test guidance effective from April 2020, which apply across the NHS, NHS England has published additional guidance on the submission of data in General Practice along with the submission dates for 2020/21: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/fft-revised-submission-guidance-gp-practice.pdf>.

FAQs are also available setting out the changes made to the standard questions and advice for implementation: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/fft/friends-and-family-test-development-project-2018-19/faqs/>

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NHSMail FOR GP LOCUMS

After many years of lobbying by numerous organisations, NHSmail for GP locums in England was launched on Monday 9 March 2020. In order to process a request for a GP Locum NHSmail account, GPs will need to be registered as a GP Locum on the National Performers List (England) and not registered as a partner or salaried GP on PCSE Online. Further information, guidance and FAQs on how to register for an NHSmail account can be found at: <https://support.nhs.net/knowledge-base/registering-gp-locums/>

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IR35 GUIDANCE FOR LOCUM GPs

The General Practitioners Committee (GPC) has updated all of their employment status (IR35) guidance into one document so that Locum GPs have all the information they need to be confident in determining their employment status: https://www.bma.org.uk/connecting-doctors/cfs-file/_key/telligent-evolution-components-attachments/01-21-00-00-00-00-41-66/IR35-guidance-for-GPs.pdf

Further information can be found in a blog written by Matt Mayer, Deputy Chair of the GP Sessional GP committee: https://www.bma.org.uk/connecting-doctors/the_practice/b/weblog/posts/an-update-on-ir35-for-locum-gps

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GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES (GMS) READY RECKONER

NHS England has updated their GMS ready reckoner for use by practices, which is intended to help individual practices see what happens to their baseline: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/gms-ready-reckoner-20-21-v0.5-updated.xlsx>

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GOOD PRACTICE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT BROUGHT TO HEALTHCARE APPOINTMENTS (WAS NOT BROUGHT / DID NOT ATTEND)

The guidance document *Good Practice for Children and Young People Who Are Not Brought to Healthcare Appointments (Was not Brought / Did Not Attend)* was referenced at safeguarding and locality training events last year, and has now been added to Sheffield CCG's intranet - the Key Documents section of the Safeguarding Children page (login required): <https://www.intranet.sheffieldccg.nhs.uk/safeguarding-children.htm>

The guidance has been developed to ensure that the circumstances and consequences of any child and / or young person failing to attend a health appointment are individually assessed and managed with consideration to their welfare. This may be a useful resource for practices to use and an example of good practice, however this is neither contractual nor compulsory.

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SUPPORTING A HEALTHY CHILDHOOD – THE NEED FOR GREATER INVESTMENT IN SERVICES IN ENGLAND

The British Medical Association (BMA) has recently published this report, 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: <https://www.bma.org.uk/-/media/files/pdfs/collective%20voice/policy%20research/public%20and%20population%20health/bma-report-supporting-a-healthy-childhood-feb-2020.pdf?la=en>

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.

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CHOOSING THE RIGHT URGENT CARE

At a recent Urgent Care meeting we were made aware of a microsite that has been developed, which contains information on the following services:

- NHS111
- GP Practices
- Broad Lane NHS Walk In Centre
- 999 and A&E
- Local Pharmacy
- GP Hubs
- Minor Injuries Centre

Although the microsite is for public use, it was considered to be a useful source of information on urgent care services in the city which might also benefit frontline staff and, as such, we agreed to note its availability in our newsletter:

<https://sheffieldurgentcare.co.uk/>

Information on this was circulated to practices via Sheffield CCG's GP Bulletin at the end of January, requesting that practices share the campaign posts on the practice's social media channels.

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REFORM REPORT ON PRACTICE PREMISES

The think tank Reform has launched the report *A primary care estate fit for the future*: https://reform.uk/sites/default/files/2020-02/A%20primary%20care%20estate%20fit%20for%20the%20future_embargoed%20to%200001%2011%20Feb_0.pdf. The report argues for the need of greater focus and prioritisation of the primary care estate in the Government's plans, calling for further investment into these services, better streamlining of existing funding and a new approach to funding digital initiatives in primary care.

This reflects the British Medical Association's (BMA's) position about the need for premises funding:

<https://www.bma.org.uk/-/media/files/pdfs/collective%20voice/influence/key%20negotiations/nhs%20funding/bma-letter-to-chancellor-spending-round-sept-19.pdf?la=en>

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SESSIONAL GPs E-NEWSLETTER: FEBRUARY 2020

The latest edition of the Sessional GPs e-newsletter can be found on the British Medical Association (BMA) website at: <https://bma-mail.org.uk/t/JVX-6QMC-A-1BJCJOU46E/cr.aspx>. The main articles include:

- An update on IR35;
- What the new contract means for us;
- Coronavirus: latest;
- Type 2 forms and annualisation.

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HOT TOPICS GP UPDATE COURSE

Article Submitted by Simeon Rackham, Derbyshire First 5 GP Lead

The Derbyshire GP Task Force is pleased to announce that we are teaming up with NB Medical to offer a Bespoke 'Hot Topics' course.

Date / Time: Tuesday 28 April 2020, 08:30 - 17:00.

Location: West Studios Theatre, Chesterfield College, Sheffield Road, Chesterfield, S41 7LL

Refreshments and Lunch provided **please advise if you have any dietary requirements*

Non- Derbyshire GPs and Allied Health Professionals (AHPs) £195. To book your space please use this online [link](#) or by phone: 0191 5197293 quoting the Non Derbyshire GPs and AHPs code DLMC-91374. Any questions please email ddlmc.gptf@nhs.net.

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

Submission deadlines can be found at

<http://www.sheffield-lmc.org.uk/website/IGP217/files/Newsletter%20&%20VB%20Deadlines%202020%20.pdf>

Contact details for Sheffield LMC can be found at:

Executive Officers: <http://www.sheffield-lmc.org.uk/page1.aspx?p=13&t=1>

Secretariat: <http://www.sheffield-lmc.org.uk/page1.aspx?p=13&t=2>