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INTERFACE GP SUBMISSION FORM

The LMC continues to receive numerous concerns relating to interface issues between primary and secondary care. We try to deal with these on individual cases and liaise with the relevant Trust and department. We want to continue doing this with the caveat that we cannot receive patient identifiable data.

We want to remind practices about the [GP submission form](#) as well, often advertised in the ICB Bulletin. It is helpful if GPs can also complete this submission for any interface whether it is Sheffield Teaching Hospitals, Sheffield Children's Hospital, Sheffield Health Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust, Primary Care Sheffield, Primary Community Mental Health Team, Likewise or other organisations.

The reason for this is that the ICB can collect data around numbers of issues and discuss them at regular meetings with the LMC.

At present, submissions primarily relate to Sheffield Teaching Hospitals. To help the ICB identify and address issues across all providers, we encourage submissions relating to other providers as well. Your feedback is valuable in building a broader understanding of the issues affecting services and helping the ICB determine where further action may be needed.

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WOUND CARE

Sheffield LMC are aware of Practices being asked to undertake Level 2 wound care which is not covered within the core contract or included within the Sheffield Over and Above Locally commissioned service. The LMC have always maintained that convenience for the patient should not come ahead of safe and appropriately sourced / funded clinical care. Where a request is beyond the experience and remit of the healthcare professional that is not covered in the Over and Above LCS, we would referral to the appropriate service.

It is worth noting the recent judicial review in he following link: <https://www.judiciary.uk/prevention-of-future-death-reports/karen-day-prevention-of-future-deaths-report/>. As you will note from the report, GP practice received severe criticism and without a commissioned framework Practices may not have indemnity cover for this work.

Level 1: Commissioned through the "Over and Above" Locally Commissioned Service (LCS):

Surgical – suture / clip removal

Grazes

Skin tears

Varicose veins - removal of clips

Pin sites

Cavity dressings – cavity wounds that could be dealt with within the competencies and training of practice nurses

Lower leg wounds - not requiring compression dressings or where compression is not indicated

Simple burns

Level 2: Not commissioned in primary care:

Wounds not healing after 4 weeks following appropriate wound management intervention or those wounds showing signs of obvious deterioration

Adult lower leg wounds

Any patient with a high risk of complexity, eg underlying co-morbidity

Post-operative vascular wounds

Diabetic foot wounds - should be referred urgently to the diabetic foot clinic.

Non-healing post-operative wounds - should be referred back to the surgeon.

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AI TRIAGE PILOTS VIA THE NHS APP

The BMA are aware that requests for expressions of interest have been going out to some areas to ask practices and PCNs (from 20,000 to 100,000 patient populations) to pilot AI-assisted triage within the NHS app. Future AI use within the NHS app was mentioned at the launch of the 10 Year Health Plan last year ([Managing healthcare easy as online banking with revamped NHS App - GOV.UK](#)) where phrases like "My NHS GP" and a "doctor in your pocket" were used along with the use of AI to provide "instant advice" to patients.

The Joint GP IT Committee previously fed back to NHS England about the poor choice of words to describe such a tool. Until the regulatory landscape is firmly established around such AI tools and they are proven to be safe, and any effect on longer-term funding is known, the BMA would caution practices against involvement.

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