

# LMC ViewPoint

*The newsletter of Leeds Local Medical Committee Limited*

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## **West Yorkshire ICB GP Online Consultation, Video Consultation and Messaging Procurement**

The West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board's (WY ICB) Digital Team have announced that they have completed a regional procurement of an online consultation, video consultation and messaging services on behalf of practices across West Yorkshire. Advanced Health and Care Limited (PATCHS) has formally been awarded the contract. In the assessment PATCHS scored most highly on functionality and technical requirements that met the needs of the local specification requirements, including practice workflow by the clinical subject matter experts. PATCHS also provides tools that no other supplier is currently providing, including Artificial Intelligence (AI) triage, language translation, demand management and NHS App messaging integration.

Practices in Leeds have expressed concern about the impact this could have on the current service provided by accuRx and we have raised this with the Leeds ICB team. We have been assured that practices will not be forced to use the new system. There are plans to offer a number of opportunities to see it and test it.

## **Publication of General Practice Appointment data on 24 November**

Practices should be aware that from 24 November, NHS Digital will be publishing experimental practice level data about appointment numbers. This data will be added to the [Appointments in General Practice](#) monthly report which is based on data collected regularly from GP system suppliers. If practices want to review their data ahead of the release, they can access it via their [GP Appointments Data Dashboard](#).

The LMC has discussed this with the ICB in Leeds as many practices will be worried about how this information will be misused and misinterpreted, particularly by the media. We have sought a supportive and understanding approach from the ICB.

## **Network Contract DES Updates**

NHS England has issued an update to the [Network Contract DES Guidance 22/23](#). The guidance now contains new finance system codes that PCNs and commissioners will be required to use to support all payments under the DES from 1 November 2022, including the new PCN Capacity and Access Support Payment using suspended IIF indicators and which is £0.602 per PCN adjusted population and will be paid monthly from 1 October to 31 March.

## **Statement of Financial Entitlements update**

An updated version of the [GMS Statement of Financial Entitlements](#) has recently been published. This version includes the recently updated dispensing fee scales and a consolidation of the vaccination and immunisation chapters. Commissioners and general practices may wish to use this version of the SFE about vaccination and immunisation requirements and payment information for ease of reference.

## **Winter Pressures. Letter from Regulators**

Leaders from NHS England, CQC, GMC and the CMO have written a letter that is attached to say that whilst they will continue to monitor the situation and share information via the existing quality forums, national regulators will also take into account the need to keep regulatory oversight proportionate at this busy time, whilst maintaining the focus on patient safety and protection of the public.

They state that we all need to support one another during this time, ensuring that as part of a team, they "recognise the impact of coping in challenging circumstances, providing support and advice as

it's needed. It is, and is going to remain, hard going, and mutual support between professionals is essential. Asking for help from others when you need it is good professional practice. We ask that you also seek support from your organisations if you need it."

### **Access to general practice - report to the ICB Delivery sub-committee**

Please find attached a report that will be presented to the ICB Delivery Sub-Committee this week. This follows a request from the ICB in Leeds Committee that the Delivery Sub-Committee took a 'deep dive' into the issue of access to general practice due to the report presented by Healthwatch at the last Committee, which provided welcomed insight into people's experience of accessing their GP practice.

The attached report sets out 'what we know' (from our various data sources); 'what we have heard' (from the insight work / reports); and 'what we are doing to make improvements' (our programme of work). It is important that as Primary Care Board members you are sighted on the report and feel its contents are familiar to you having been shared at the board or in the various working groups.

### **Home Birth Prescribing Requests**

The LMC would encourage practices to stop prescribing dihydrocodeine and enoxaparin for intrapartum use for women choosing a home birth. **Please see the attached letter for more information.**

### **Same Day Response service**

From 1 December, the SDR service will be expanding. Practices that report OPEL 4 will be able to book patients into their pre-allocated / ringfenced appointments from 11.30am, with a new clinic operating from 12.00pm – 16.00pm. Practices will only be able to book into these earlier appointments if they have declared OPEL 4 and the reason being increased clinical demand / reduced clinical capacity.

Practices will only be able to book into these appointments when the appointments have been specifically allocated to them. The booking criteria remain unchanged and patients booked into the service must have a genuine same day need.

At present, general SDR clinics operate from 4pm-8pm Monday to Friday, with ledgers opening for bookings from 4pm. From 1 December, you will be able to book into these appointments from the slightly earlier time of 3.45pm.

### **NHS Confederation report - PCNs: three years on**

The NHS Confederation have produced a report [Primary care networks: three years on](#) which reviews the progress, challenges and successes of PCNs since their establishment in July 2019. It notes that the last three years have been tumultuous, including a global pandemic, a wholesale reorganisation of the NHS, rumours of reform to the GP operating model, dwindling numbers of GPs and extremely high demand for NHS services. All this has caused a crisis in general practice and had an impact on the development of PCNs. Despite this, PCNs have delivered the majority of COVID-19 vaccinations and latest figures showing they've recruited 19,229 additional healthcare professionals.

The report concludes that to remedy the rollercoaster of the past three years, PCNs require certainty and capacity. This includes guarantees for their existence beyond 2024, no further service specifications, and increased flexibility within ARRS. Wider policy must also focus on capacity creation through workforce measures, including a fully funded whole workforce plan, pension reform to encourage more clinical sessions and equitable access, as well as capital investment for premises development and a focus on research and innovation, particularly in primary care as it will return the highest yield.

### **GMS, PMS and APMS contract updates**

The NHS England [GP Contract page](#) has been updated with contract details of the 2022/23 GP Contract. The page includes updated versions of the standard GMS contract, GMS variation notice, PMS agreement and variation notice and APMS contract and variation notice.

### **West Yorkshire NHS Integrated Care Board: Providers of Primary Medical Services Partner Member**

Following an open nomination and interview process it has been announced that Dr Richard Vautrey has been appointed as the Provider Primary Medical Services Partner Member for the [NHS West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board](#) (ICB). Richard's ICB Board member role will advocate for all aspects of primary care. Richard is a GP partner, assistant medical secretary of Leeds LMC and the clinical director for the PCN and he will be able to bring the experience of these roles to this board position.

### **Sir Julian Hartley to become NHS Providers' chief executive**

NHS Providers, the membership body representing every NHS hospital, mental health, community and ambulance service in England has appointed Julian Hartley as its next chief executive. He is currently chief executive at Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and will take up his new role with NHS Providers on 1 February 2023.

We wish to thank Sir Julian for all that he has done in Leeds and wish him all the very best in this new national role.

### **Air quality and health resources**

To coincide with clean air day in June 2022 Leeds City Council distributed patient friendly leaflets on air pollution and health to each GP surgery. The leaflets provided both information on the effects of air quality on respiratory health and advice on how to minimise exposure to air pollution. Leaflets can be downloaded and printed for free on [Global Action Plan webpage here](#) or contact [phrc@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:phrc@leeds.gov.uk) for leaflet supply, requesting leaflet L117 for child respiratory health or L118 for adult respiratory health

### **Wellbeing**

As we continue to face overwhelming pressures in general practice, we encourage practices to focus on their own team's wellbeing.

It's [Self Care Week](#) this week 14-20 November, which is a good opportunity to promote wellbeing in your practice. Dedicated [resources](#) have been created to support this.

Read a GPC England blog on how to **Care for yourself during the hard times ahead**: <https://www.bma.org.uk/news-and-opinion/care-for-yourself-during-the-hard-times-ahead>

A range of wellbeing and support services are available to doctors, from our 24/7 confidential [counselling and peer support services](#) to networking groups and wellbeing hubs with peers, as well as the [NHS practitioner health service](#) and non-medical support services such as [Samaritans](#).

The organisation [Doctors in Distress](#) also provides mental health support for health workers in the UK, providing confidential peer support group sessions.

See the BMA [poster with 10 tips to help maintain and support the wellbeing](#) of you and your colleagues.

Please visit the BMA's dedicated [wellbeing support services page](#) for further information.

### **Updated webpages regarding travel with medications**

Following recent correspondence with airlines regarding their requests for medical information to be provided by GPs, the BMA have updated their guidance on their webpages [here](#)

## **Proposed Dispensing Fee scales for GMS Contractors, England and Wales - 2021, October release**

NHS Digital has published new dispensing feescales for General Medical Service (GMS) contractors in England and Wales from 1 October 2021. They are available [here](#)

## **CQC clinical searches – new survey**

The CQC developed a suite of clinical searches, initially in response to the pandemic, which are now routinely used when carrying out inspections of GP practices. They were designed to focus on areas of clinical importance. The majority of the searches focus on safe prescribing, monitoring of higher risk drugs, management of long-term conditions and identification of potential missed diagnoses. CQC is undertaking a survey to identify how useful / easy to use these searches have been. Practices are encouraged to complete the anonymous survey [here](#).

## **Pharmacy update**

Please follow the links below for updates relating to:

- Medicine Shortages
- Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework (CPCF) - changes
- CPCS and hypertension - supporting collaboration

[Medicines Supply Factsheet](#)

[Medicines Shortages Briefing for Prescribers](#)

[Medicines Pricing and Stock Issues](#)

CPCF & PQS <https://psnc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/PSNC-Briefing-034.22-Briefing-for-general-practice-teams-on-CPCF-changes-2022-23.pdf>

## **Primary Care “art of the possible” evening, 6 December at Weetwood Hall**

This event will introduce you to ideas that can digitally transform Primary Care and reduce the burden on staff by presenting real life examples of how technology can improve the delivery of our services. This is a non-technical showcase evening to spark your imagination about how technology could help.

To kick start the session, Street Lane Practice and Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust will talk about their recent experience of using RPA (Robotic Process Automation) which can help organisations digitise and streamline manual processes.

They will then be joined by:

- **Apple** who will showcase the Luscii smart platform that supports patients in their home. Luscii's smart remote monitoring platform supports 70+ care pathways ranging from self care (hypertension, asthma, diabetes), chronic care (CHF, COPD, IBD) to episodic care (post-operative, surgery, elective care) and virtual wards (COVID, ARI, influenza).
- **Blue Prism** who will talk through the use of Robotic Process Automation and provide examples on how “bot” technology has driven efficiencies and allowed staff time to be focussed on valuable work instead of hours wasted on manual tasks.

The meeting will take place on 6<sup>th</sup> December 6pm-9pm at Weetwood Hall. **Please register via [Eventbrite](#).**

## **FIT in Primary Care NHSE Regional Event - 7 December 12pm-1:30pm**

The NHSE NE and Yorkshire Regional Team are hosting an online event focusing on FIT in Primary Care. This is taking place on Wednesday 7 December 2022 12pm-1.30pm and will cover:

- The drivers for increasing FIT testing in primary care

- Safety netting—what is this and what else can be done?
- Case studies on implementation of FIT in practice
- Panel discussion and opportunity to ask questions to our experts
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Speakers include:

Dr Johnathan Slade, Professor Matt Rutter, Dr Steve Ollerton, Dr Katie Elliot

Joining instructions can be accessed by opening the attached flier.

## **VACANCIES**

**\*\*PLEASE BE AWARE THAT WE ARE NOW ADVERTISING PRACTICE VACANCIES ON THE LMC WEBSITE - [Leeds LMC: Jobs](#)\*\***

### **Ashfield & The Grange Medical Centre**

Ashfield and The Grange Medical Centre have an excellent opportunity for a GP to join our friendly and supportive practice team. We require a minimum of 4 sessions per week.

We are a two-site practice with surgeries in Crossgates and Seacroft with excellent transport links into. We are a PMS practice with a registered list size of 6500 and actively expanding.

Our practice provides excellent care and are high achievers for treating and caring for patients with long term health conditions. We are high QOF achievers year on year and this is down to our team work ethic and a can do attitude with a friendly atmosphere.

Our Practice team consists of 2 GP partners, 5 salaried GP's, registrars and FY2, who work great as a team providing excellent patient care. The team is complemented by our fantastic Advanced Care Practitioner who supports our GP's with core practice work and visits and brilliant nursing team who have a wide skill mix including Practice nurses and HCA's. We have a friendly reception and administrative team.

We are a Training Practice with a broad involvement in education & training including FY2, registrars and student nurses. We have created a supportive MDT way of working to support all our trainees but also to ensure existing staff are able to access mentoring from the wider team.

Weekly allocated CPD time for salaried GP's.

Main duties of the job

We are looking for a skilled GP with the motivation skills and ambition to be actively involved in our practice. For GP's who have special interests these are encouraged and supported.

The post-holder will be expected to undertake all the normal duties and responsibilities associated with a GP working within primary care.

The post-holder will perform the normal duties of a General Practitioner, contribute to the collective working of the practice, participate in learning, and audit and support the practice in its work with a wide range of health needs in primary care, ensuring the highest standards of care for all registered patients.

For more information on the role, please contact Michaela Guilfoyle, Practice Manager telephone 01132044916 or email [practicemanager.ashfield@nhs.net](mailto:practicemanager.ashfield@nhs.net)

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### **Burley Park Medical Centre**

We are looking for a Salaried GP to join our team with a potential view to partnership. We will consider applications for part-time or full-time.

Benefits include:

- BMA salaried GP contract
- Protected learning time
- Paid indemnity subscriptions
- Friendly, supportive team
- Shared workload inc home visits and results management.
- Weekly clinical team meetings

Burley Park Medical Centre is a friendly, high-achieving training practice looking after a diverse population of over 13,000 patients. We are looking for a salaried GP to join our practice clinical team, consisting of 3 GP Partners, 4 salaried GPs, 1 GP Trainee, 3 ANPs, 2 practice nurses, 2 HCAs and PCN ARRS staff.

You will work together with the reception/admin and management teams within a supportive and co-operative environment.

We encourage training and the sharing of knowledge and experience. At our weekly clinical team meetings clinicians meet and discuss patient cases, current guidelines, patients of interest and families of concern.

For further information or to arrange an informal visit please contact Jane or Natalie:

[burleyparkmedicalcentre@nhs.net](mailto:burleyparkmedicalcentre@nhs.net).

Applications via NHS Jobs: [Job Advert \(jobs.nhs.uk\)](https://www.jobs.nhs.uk)

### **GP PRIMARY CARE RECEPTIONIST VACANCY** **Oakwood Surgery Leeds LS8 4AA West Yorkshire**

Minimum 29 hours per week over Monday, Tuesday and Friday, available for the ideal candidate to join our thriving Practice.

Starting Salary £10.00 per hour we have an annual bonus scheme and guaranteed annual pay rise for the successful candidate

Oakwood Surgery is a friendly, enthusiastic and dynamic practice serving over 5200 patients in this desirable area of Leeds next to Roundhay Park.

We are seeking a self-motivated Receptionist capable of working autonomously and within our supportive team of 6 Receptionists, 4 GP's, 2 Nurses & a HCA.

The successful candidate ideally will have experience of working as a Receptionist in General Practice and use of SystmOne software. We will provide training for all aspects of the role.

To apply please send your CV to Mrs Donna Marks, Managing Partner at [donna.marks@nhs.net](mailto:donna.marks@nhs.net) or call the surgery on 0113 2951515 for an informal chat.

Closing date: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022

### **Salaried or Retainer GP – St Martins Practice**

*5-6 sessions pw Wednesday to Friday (including all day Fridays)*

£9,500 - £9,905 per session according to length of NHS experience

We are seeking a salaried or retainer GP with strong clinical skills to join our democratic and forward-thinking practice. We'd like you to bring a commitment to serve our varied practice population, and you will have the opportunity to play a full role in all aspects of the practice.



We are a co-operative team, meeting daily for mutual support in our modern spacious new premises. We want all our clinicians to have a good work-life balance and an enjoyable working day.

St Martin is an urban training practice, caring for a patient list of 7500. Excellent QOF and target achievement and a track record of innovation. 5 partners. Excellent skillmixed nursing team doing long-term condition management. Well-developed Patient Support Team who are "care navigating" & managing the clinical letters. Wide range of attached staff and services. Active member of Chapeltown Primary Care network.

**We hold a visa sponsor licence.** We require 6 sessions a week including a Friday (may consider 5 sessions a week). We are open till 8.15pm on a Tuesday; working this surgery is shared equally across all GPs. This is a fixed term post of 18 months.

For a full information pack see nhs jobs ref A1992-22-1530 or [www.stmartinspracticeleeds.nhs.uk](http://www.stmartinspracticeleeds.nhs.uk). The information pack has practice ethos, job description, person specification, and terms and conditions. To apply please send CV to Camilla, below.

We encourage an informal chat before applying, please contact Camilla Hawkes, Practice Manager, [camilla.hawkes@nhs.net](mailto:camilla.hawkes@nhs.net), or 07493 877922

Deadline: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2022

St Martins Practice, 210 Chapeltown Road, Leeds LS7 4HZ

### **Whitehall Surgery - Salaried GP – 5 – 6 Sessions**

Due to a growing list and Maternity Leave we are looking for a Salaried GP / Partner to join our team.

We are offering 5 – 6 sessions (job share welcome)

Competitive salary with Defence Subscription

Thriving practice of approx. 9,000 patients, in new modern building with car park, comprising 4 GP Partners, 2 Salaried GPs, 2 ANPs.

One of our GP Partners is Clinical Director to the PCN; therefore, we are a very forward-thinking practice

We are a high achieving, well organised practice and use SystemOne

We have the following in house services for our patients:

- Family planning service providers for both Implants and Coil devices
- Minor surgery including joint injections
- Pharmacy Team including PCN Pharmacist support
- Social Prescribers
- Physio First service
- Mental Health Practitioner

If you are interested in joining our great team, please contact Joanne Woods Practice Manager, Whitehall Surgery, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Wortley Beck Health Centre, Ring Road Leeds LS12 5SG.

Email: [joanne.woods@nhs.net](mailto:joanne.woods@nhs.net)

### **Central North Leeds PCN Ltd (Based at Shadwell Medical Centre)**

#### **Salaried GP (flexible number of sessions) - Salary negotiable.**

This is an exciting opportunity to join our growing team at Shadwell, a small single site System One practice in leafy North Leeds. We are seeking GP's who want to offer continuity of care and develop strong professional relationships so that our patients receive excellent care. The practice is now managed by the PCN and works closely with the other practices in Central North Leeds, one of Leeds largest PCN's. You would be joining a forward thinking, friendly and committed team which is well supported by the PCN clinical director and business manager, plus the wider

workforce who are based at the practice, including pharmacists, paramedics, OT's and social prescribers. You would be an active member of the team taking part in weekly practice meetings and be fully involved in decision making and developing the practice strategy.

If you are interested in this role and would like further information please contact Lynne Doyle, PCN Business Manager. [lynnedoyle@nhs.net](mailto:lynnedoyle@nhs.net)

### **Salaried GP - Laurel Bank Surgery**

Laurel Bank Surgery are seeking a salaried GP to join their surgery. The successful candidate will be required to do four sessions a week (Thursday and Friday).

For more information on this role and how to apply, please see [here](#)

### **Practice Manager - Laurel Bank Surgery**

Laurel Bank Surgery are seeking a practice manager to join and help lead their team. They will be a forward-thinking and enthusiastic team-player with excellent working knowledge of practice management and finance eager to join a tight-knit and friendly working environment.

For more information on how to apply, please see [here](#)