

LMC ViewPoint

The newsletter of Leeds Local Medical Committee Limited

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The future of General Practice: GP Contract 23/24 meeting

Leeds LMC has invited Dr Clare Bannon, a member of the BMA GP Committee Executive Team, to update us on GP contract plans for 2023/24 and beyond.

At a crucial time for general practice, and with 23/24 being the 5th year of the current PCN DES, this will be an opportunity to hear from one of our national GP negotiators and to learn about planned contract change for the coming year, why GPC England rejected these proposals, and what are the likely next steps. We will also hear and be able to ask about how the BMA, NHSE and government intend to address workload and workforce issues impacting general practice, what are their plans for the future of PCNs, integrated working and resolving primary / secondary care interface issues.

The event will be held on Tuesday 28th February at The Village Hotel (186 Otley Road, Headingley, Leeds LS16 5PR) between 7-9pm. Refreshments will be available from 6.30pm.

To book your place at this event, please email Leeds LMC at mail@leedslmc.org

Supporting general practices

We have agreed with the Leeds Health and Care Partnership arrangements for the non-recurrent support to general practices which was outlined at the GP Assembly held on 18 January 2023. It has been agreed that practices will receive a payment of 50p per patient which practices can use to help manage the current high workload pressures and to maintain a balance of managing long term conditions and urgent access needs of their patients.

Please [see here](#) for further information and [here for the accessible information standard good practice checklist](#) which needs to be completed and returned by 28/2/23 to ensure payment.

GP workforce numbers

GP workforce and workload pressures GP practices continue to experience significant and growing strain with declining GP numbers and rising demand, as shown by the [latest GP workforce figures](#). In December 2022, the NHS lost the equivalent of 17 full-time fully qualified GPs compared to the previous month, 647FTE fewer (1.7%) than December 2021 and there are now 1,990 fewer fully qualified full-time GPs than in September 2015. This long-term decline coincides with a rise in patients. In Dec 2022, 62.2m patients were registered with practices in England, with a record-high average of 9,689 patients per practice. As a result, the average number of patients each full-time equivalent GP is responsible for has now reached 2,273 - a 17% increase since 2015 - demonstrating the mounting workload in general practice.

New personalised care workforce development frameworks

NHS England has published workforce development frameworks for [social prescribers](#), [health and wellbeing coaches](#) and [care coordinators](#).

The frameworks provide guidance for people employed in these roles and those employing them helping to increase understanding of where they can have most impact in supporting and empowering people to improve their health and wellbeing. They also set professional standards and competencies, give guidance on supervision, training, and continuous professional development.

2022/23 Network Contract DES – new finance system code

PCN DES [guidance](#) has been updated to include a new finance system code for PCN core funding payments. 2022/23 DES guidance contains pay codes required to support payments in the Network Contract DES.

HRT prepayment certificate

Media reports suggest that a [HRT prepayment certificate to cover all HRT items licensed to treat the menopause](#) will be available from April 2023. The reports state that women in England will only need to pay £18.70/year for all HRT prescriptions. It will cover all HRT items licensed to treat the menopause. More information will be available in due course.

Anaphylaxis UK resources

Anaphylaxis UK have developed some resources to help practices have the latest information about serious allergies and anaphylaxis which they can share with their patients who have serious allergies and are at risk of anaphylaxis.

A [flyer](#) that can be downloaded for patients or forward to them which has a QR code to access information about how to live safely with serious allergies. You can sign up to their monthly healthcare professionals [newsletter](#), access their [AllergyWise training](#) and listen to their [podcasts](#) with a range of healthcare professionals.

Free resources for nurses

NHS Knowledge and Library Services has produced a [Knowledge and Library Services for nurses](#) reference guide. This offers resources to support nurses develop and stay up to date with the latest evidence.

Charity Ball Notification

Some of you might know that Dr Laura Kettlewell is in the process of organising a Summer Ball to raise funds for Cancer Research UK.

The platform is now live and it should be a really good event – a chance to dress up and have some fun and know that you are raising money for a really worthwhile cause.

The tickets are £68 including booking fee and you get a welcome drink, 3 course meal, DJ and chance to enter the raffle, which we've already got some good prizes for.

Aside from that it would be a really nice opportunity to do something social with work friends and colleagues so have a look and see what you think.

[Cancer Research UK Charity Ball Tickets, Sat 22 Jul 2023 at 18:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Dr Kettlewell is also looking for more raffle prizes as it would be nice to have lots of winners – if you/your friends/businesses/famous people?? feel willing/able to donate something for the night a list of the donors will be thanked on the night.

Free ADHD RCGP accredited resource

Please see attached RCGP-accredited resource for healthcare professionals and the general public on ADHD.

<https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/helmopen/rlos/practice-learning/mental-health/adhd/>

GPMplus mentoring

For your information. Please see the attached newsletter

West Yorkshire Diabetic Eye Screening Programmes - Stakeholder bulletin No. 1 - from 1st April 2023

Please find attached an introductory letter and the first stakeholder bulletin for the West Yorkshire Diabetic Eye Screening Programmes (West Riding and Craven, and Leeds and Mid Yorkshire) starting on 1st April 2023.

PRACTICE VACANCIES

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT WE ARE NOW ADVERTISING PRACTICE VACANCIES ON THE LMC WEBSITE – PLEASE VIEW VIA WEBSITE LINK- [Leeds LMC: Jobs](#)

COMINGS & GOING

- Rutland Lodge Medical Practice: Dr Simon Ottman – GP partner has retired from the practice and Dr Marcin Grzelinski has joined as a new partner. Dr Rachel Luty has joined as a newly qualified Salaried GP.
- Dr N Saddiq's Surgery at Morley Health Centre is merging with Fountain Medical Centre. They are hoping to merge sometime during April 23. Morley Health Centre Surgery will be closing only - they rent a few rooms from Morley Health Centre, which will remain open. All staff are being TUPE over to Fountain Medical Centre.
- Kirkstall Lane Medical Centre welcomes Dr Khalifa Salem this month as a salaried GP.

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