

LMC ViewPoint

The newsletter of Leeds Local Medical Committee Limited

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Queen Elizabeth II

We are sure that all in General Practice in Leeds will be profoundly saddened by the death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. We are though grateful for her long life of exemplary public service and for someone who served her country with loyalty, dignity and grace. Our thoughts are with the Royal Family and all those who mourn at this time.

New secretary of state for health and social care

Thérèse Coffey has been appointed as the new health and social care secretary. She previously worked as pensions secretary and has pledged to improve access and build “hospitals”. She said her priorities are “ABCD”, representing “ambulances, backlogs, care, doctors and dentists”. Thérèse replaces Steve Barclay, who was appointed to the role in July after Sajid Javid resigned from Boris Johnson’s government. His tenure as health secretary was the shortest in the history of the NHS.

COVID-19 vaccination

The autumn COVID-19 and influenza vaccination programme has begun. NHS England have announced that a £10 payment (in addition to the £10.06 vaccination administration fee) will be payable where a patient is considered to be housebound. If a GP practice is signed up to Phase 5, they should vaccinate their housebound patients, or make alternative arrangements. If they are not signed up, they should work with their local commissioner to ensure all their housebound patients are vaccinated.

Claiming financial incentives for autumn vaccination of care homes

A financial incentive is available up until 23 October to general practice and community pharmacy providers to prioritise the COVID-19 vaccination of care home residents in both older adult care homes and non-older adult care homes. To claim the incentive payment practices will need to complete a [survey](#) setting out how many residents have been vaccinated and how many have declined, or where a personalised care adjustment applies (for example, where there is a clinical reason that a patient cannot be vaccinated). The live time survey must be completed within 48 hours of the visit to claim the incentive

COVID-19 Infection rates

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) published the [latest national influenza and COVID-19 report](#) on Friday 2 September, monitoring COVID-19 activity, seasonal flu and other seasonal respiratory illnesses. Surveillance indicators suggest that, at a national level, COVID-19 activity has decreased in several indicators in week thirty-four of 2022. This includes:

- The number of acute respiratory infection incidents (suspected outbreaks) decreased to 111 in week 34, compared to 124 in the previous week
- The hospital admission rate was 5.88 per 100,000 population, in the previous week it was 7.17 per 100,000 population
- Hospital admission rates for COVID-19 were highest in the West Midlands, with a rate of 8.23 per 100,000 population.

The number of community infections in England continues to fall. In the w/e 23rd August 1.64% of the population in England were estimated to test positive, or around 1 in 60 people (data published 2 September 2022). There remain variations in prevalence across the country, however, the number of community infections is falling in all regions. In Yorkshire and Humber an estimated 1.3% of the population were estimated to test positive for COVID-19 in the week ending 23 August.

[The UK Health Security Agency published the latest reproduction number \(R\) and growth rate of COVID-19 on Friday 2 September.](#) The current R range for England is between 0.8 to 1.0, which means that, on average, every 10 people infected will infect between 8 and 10 other people. The latest growth rate between -4% and -2% meaning that the number of new infections is shrinking by

between 2% and 4% every day. These estimates represent the transmission of COVID-19 2 to 3 weeks ago due to the time delay between someone being infected, developing symptoms, and needing healthcare.

Current local position

Hospitals across West Yorkshire now have a total of 180 patients with COVID-19. Over the last week the total has reduced by 55 (23%). The peak bed occupancy of the current wave was 650 patients on 19 July. The current total includes four patients in mental health beds. The number in HDU/ITU is four. Non-COVID demand remains very high in all sectors.

England GP Average Earnings and Expenses Estimates 2020/21

NHS Digital have published the annual report summarising average GP earnings. This includes the income from the significant additional work GPs did in delivering the Covid-19 vaccination programme. The average figures are:

Combined GPs (Contractor and Salaried) GPs

- The average income before tax for combined GPs (contractor and salaried) in England in 2020/21 was £111,900 for those GPs working in either a GMS or PMS (GPMS) practice compared to £100,700 in 2019/20, an increase of 11.1 per cent which is statistically significant.
- The median income before tax for combined GPs in England in 2020/21 was £101,200 compared to £92,300 in 2019/20, an increase of 9.6 per cent.

Contractor GPs

The average income before tax for contractor GPs in England in 2020/21 was:

- £141,500 for those GPs working under a General Medical Services (GMS) contract compared to £121,200 in 2019/20, an increase of 16.7 per cent which is statistically significant
- £143,400 for those GPs working under a Primary Medical Services (PMS) contract compared to £123,300 in 2019/20, an increase of 16.3 per cent which is statistically significant
- £142,000 for those GPs working under either a GMS or PMS (GPMS) contract, a statistically significant increase of 16.6 per cent from £121,800 in 2019/20
- The median income before tax for GPMS contractor GPs in England in 2020/21 was £132,700 compared to £114,400 in 2019/20, an increase of 16.1 per cent.
- The average gross earnings for GPMS contractor GPs in England in 2020/21 was £438,700 compared to £402,600 in 2019/20, an increase of 9.0 per cent.
- The average total expenses for GPMS contractor GPs in England in 2020/21 was £296,700 compared to £280,800 in 2019/20, an increase of 5.7 per cent.
- The expenses to earnings ratio for GPMS contractor GPs in England in 2020/21, which represents the proportion of gross earnings taken up by expenses, was 67.6 per cent, a decrease of 2.1 percentage points since 2019/20.

Salaried GPs

The average income before tax for salaried GPs in England in 2020/21 was £64,900 for those GPs working in either a GMS or PMS (GPMS) practice compared to £63,600 in 2019/20, an increase of 2.0 per cent, which is statistically significant. The median income before tax for salaried GPs in England in 2020/21 was £59,700 compared to £59,500 in 2019/20, an increase of 0.4 per cent.

Spirometry backlog service

Following discussions between the LMC and ICB, we are pleased that access to spirometry for diagnosis has been expanded to help manage the backlog created by the pandemic. This is in addition to the current three community pilot sites.

Additional resource has been secured to rapidly address the significant backlog that exists since March 2020, and in collaboration with LTHT Cardio-Respiratory a model for the delivery of this has been agreed. This initiative is to solely address the backlog. LTHT will receive the referrals and will

manage and deliver the service within St James Hospital. This is a time limited initiative however an evaluation will run concurrently with that of the pilot sites and will form part of the overarching options appraisal at the end of 22/23.

Active Travel and Walking/Cycling Scheme

The Department for Transport have awarded Leeds £1,373,444.00 for a 3 year pilot around Active Travel and Social Prescribing. The pilot will be led by Active Leeds, Public Health, Leeds Integrated Care Board and Transport/Active Travel partners. The majority of the work will be targeted in the Burmantofts, Harehills and Richmond Hill Primary Care Network and aligns with the DfT requirements i.e. ward populations living in the most deprived quintile with significant health inequalities. This area also includes large parts of active travel infrastructure, including a “Mini Holland” scheme and some of the “Walk It Ride It” targeted areas. There is a hope that through evaluation and lessons learned from this pilot it can scaled this up in other areas of the city.

The pilot will focus on the following areas:

- Building assets in the community – from cycling/walking hubs to equipment lending
- Improve access to usable greenspace through community engagement events themed around ‘have a go’
- Tackle “crime and grime” through working with key partners
- Reduce pavement parking and improve road safety
- Develop a network of waymarked trails and paths which are creative, inviting and representative of cultural diversity and local history
- Support the third sector (through local funding initiatives) to deliver walking/cycling groups and events, walk/cycle leader training
- Specialist interventions – including street audits, “walking and cycling for health”
- Improve the air quality within the local area

Statutory Medical Examiner System - LTHT

Please see the attached introduction material on the Statutory Medical Examiner System - Leeds Primary Care Network

Upcoming Learning / Briefing: NHS West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board

Please find attached a flyer for an upcoming conference along with the learning briefing for this month.

New Appraiser Training - information from NHSE/I

NHSE/I North East & Yorkshire is in the process of recruiting doctors to join its team of appraisers. There are more details and an application form in the attached document.

Leeds Safeguarding Team – New email address

There is now a new email address for the Safeguarding Team following the CCG transition to the Leeds Office of the NHS of West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (WYICB).

The new email address is live and the previous email address will no longer be used from 3rd October 2022, Please make a note of the new email address as follows and update your systems wyicb-leeds.safeguardingteam@nhs.net

Leeds Safeguarding Children Partnership – Training Update

Introduction to Safeguarding for Practice Managers Additional Date

We would like to remind you that we will shortly be running the updated training ‘Introduction to Safeguarding for Practice Managers’. Sessions will run on 22 September 2022 and again on 7 March 2023, from 12:30 until 14:30. The session will offer an overview of Safeguarding Practice, with a particular focus on the role of the Practice Manager in supporting the administration and management of cases in Primary Care settings

LSCP Training Opportunity

Leeds Safeguarding Children Partnership still have some places available on the following live online briefing in September. Please book now to avoid disappointment:

Preparing for Engaging in Child Protection Conferences on Friday 16th September 14:00-16:00

This session is specifically designed for practitioners who are required to attend Child Protection Conferences in Leeds. It is aimed towards all agency representatives who are new to the process, those who don't attend regularly or last attended some time ago and anyone who has attended conferences in other Local Authorities but is new to Leeds. The aim of the session is to increase practitioners' confidence and understanding of Child Protection Conferences using the Strengthening Families Framework.

It will help practitioners to understand the purpose of a conference, how they function within Leeds, provide an overview of the Strengthening Families Framework model, and clarify individual's role within the conference. It will also help to build confidence and knowledge of what to expect when attending a conference in Leeds.

By the end of the session, participants will have an awareness of:

- Understanding of the purpose of a Child Protection Conferences (CPC) and when one takes place
- Understanding of the Strengthening Families Framework, and the operational model
- Understanding of your roles and responsibilities within an CPCs
- Understanding of the potential outcomes of an CPCs, including a child protection plan, and when plans may be discontinued
- Increased knowledge and confidence to support effective participation within CPCs

This two-hour briefing will be delivered by the Child Protection Conference Chairs from the Integrated Safeguarding Unit, Leeds City Council.

Charging

The briefing is free to access for all delegates however, all delegates from any agency will be charged £25 for non-attendance at live sessions. We will therefore require billing details from all delegates registering for the course. For further information see our [Charging Policy](#).

For more information and to book a place please [click here](#)

For details of other upcoming LSCP sessions please [click here](#) for the LSCP Training web pages.

New dates will be promoted via the [LSCP Latest News](#) page.

Refuge Digital Breakup Information

In England and Wales, one in four women will experience some form of domestic abuse in their lifetime, and tech abuse is an increasing part of that problem. Abusive partners may use technology to control, harass or intimidate. This tool has been launched by Refuge to help those leaving abusive relationships secure their digital devices and platforms against potential tech abuse from an abusive partner or ex-partner - [Digital Breakup \(refugetechsafety.org\)](#).

Clarification regarding IIF indicator A&G ACC-07 from West Yorkshire ICB

In response to a number of queries it has been confirmed that both e-RS advice and guidance requests and e-mailed advice and requests made using accuMail are being counted towards achievement of IIF A&G ACC-07, and this has been the case since the measure was introduced in April. **It is important to note however that e-mailed advice and guidance requests made outside of the accuMail system, in addition to not offering the option of autosaving the**

request and response into the patients EPR, will NOT be counted towards the achievement of IIF A&G ACC-07. For these reasons we strongly encourage the use of accuMail in all circumstances where e-mailed advice and guidance requests are being made.

GPDF Annual Report and Financial Statements 2021

The Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year to 31 December 2021 has been published and distributed to Members of the Company with details of the Annual General Meeting.

The Report is available on the GPDF website by following this link: <https://www.gpdf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/GPDF-Annual-Report-and-Financial-Statements-2021.pdf>.

Comings & Goings

- Kirkstall Lane Medical Centre this month welcome joining as a salaried GP
- Dr Marcus Julier has been a Partner at North Leeds Medical Practice for 19 years. He has decided it is time to retire from the Partnership and pursue other endeavours. We wish him luck and all the best in this new chapter of his life.
- A warm Armley Medical Practice welcome to our new Salaried GP, Dr Jo Callaby; we all look forward to working with you!
- Foundry Lane Surgery welcome 2 new salaried GP's who started in August 2022. Dr A Shaw and Dr R Simpson.
- Leeds City Medical Practice are delighted to welcome salaried GP, Dr Ed Thornton, joining as a partner from 1st October 2022.
- Central North Leeds PCN Ltd are pleased to welcome Dr Cherith Newell as a salaried GP to be based at Shadwell Medical Centre.
- Street Lane Medical Practice would like to announce that Dr Manjit Purewal has joined the partnership.

Vacancies

Salaried GP - South Queen Street Medical Centre

Job summary

South Queen Street Medical Centre an exciting opportunity for a GP to join our friendly and supportive practice team, working 4-6 sessions per week.

We are a practice based in Morley with excellent transport links into Leeds and further afield via the nearby M62. We are a PMS practice of 5000 patients.

We are looking for a confident and independent GP who is committed, enthusiastic and passionate about making a difference in primary care.

Main duties of the job

The post-holder will provide personal medical services, managing a caseload and deal with a wide range of health needs in a primary care setting, ensuring the highest standards of care for all registered and temporary patients.

About us

We have a varied and passionate clinical team consisting of ,2 salaried GP's , 1 senior Partner , 1 ANP , 1 Practice Pharmacist , 2 Practice nurses and 2 HCA's,who work alongside our excellent administration team.

We are part of the Morley & District Primary Care Network and are also a training practice for Foundation Doctors.

Please contact Melanie Aveyard maveyard@nhs.net or Dr David Kaushal david.kaushal@nhs.net for further information.

The Practice Harehills Surgery current have a GP vacancy for 4 sessions

For more information please contact Parveen Manku, Practice Manager pmanku@nhs.net.

GP PARTNER - Street Lane Practice – North Leeds

Innovative and Entrepreneurial General Practice wishes to appoint a partner in 2022.

We combine excellent Clinical Services, GP Registrar Training and GP leadership at local and citywide level. One of the partners is a Director at Leeds GP Confederation while other members of the management team are involved in both PCN & Citywide work.

The practice is commissioned to provide Dermatology & BCC services and we have developed a number of digital solutions to Healthcare currently being used in many practices in Leeds. The practice has strong links with Mental Health Services in Primary Care

Our ideal applicant would be a GP with an Extended Role, Registrar Trainer or possess other skills beyond GMS. The well organised structure of the practice promotes a supportive environment, enabling personal development for the suitable candidate.

Full time (8 sessions) preferred but other options considered. Annual Leave entitlement is 35 days with an opportunity to take a paid sabbatical every 5 years.

Practice Information

- List Size 14,000 based in modern premises
- High Earning Practice rated Good by CQC
- High GMS QOF & other Clinical Contract Achievers
- Supportive and compassionate leadership
- Extensive use of Care Navigation with an innovative approach to patient care
- Lead practice in developing and implementing new models of clinical service
- Large Multidisciplinary Team including, 4 partners, 5 salaried GPs, GP registrars, Clinical Pharmacists, Nurse Prescribers, Nurses, Health Care Assistants.
- Actively involved in education, training & supervision of the wider practice team.
- Digital Healthcare integral to the practice systems, especially e-Reception developed inhouse
- Clinical System TPP (SystemOne)

The Area

- Located in a leafy suburb of North Leeds near Roundhay Park
- Excellent Access to the City Centre and surrounding countryside

Closing Date: Friday 7th October 2022. Informal visits welcome.

For further information or to apply send a CV with covering letter electronically to petra.morgan@nhs.net or contact Petra Morgan – Chief Executive Officer, The Street Lane Practice, 12 Devonshire Avenue, Leeds LS8 1AY. <https://www.streetlanepractice.com/>

**LOWER WORTLEY, LEEDS LS12 5SG
MATERNITY LOCUM OR SALARIED GP UP TO 8 SESSIONS PER WEEK WITH A VIEW TO
PARTNERSHIP**

Hawthorn Surgery is a well-established training practice based in Lower Wortley and New Farnley, just 3 miles West of the vibrant city centre of Leeds. Proximity to road networks make life here convenient for enjoying the beautiful Yorkshire landscape.

Following the recent successful recruitment of a GP we are now looking for another enthusiastic, forward thinking colleague to join our growing team. We are looking for a strong team-player who will share our patient-centred ethos. We are currently looking for an additional maternity locum or a salaried GP with a view to partnership.

We are a training practice with a culture of learning and development. We currently have 2 GP registrar and 1 FY2 doctor working with us.

Our dedicated and supportive clinical workforce comprises 2 GP partners, 3 salaried GP's, 2 practice nurses and a health care assistant for a list size of 6000 patients.

We cater for a diverse mix of patients, that being located close to a large city affords.

We encourage clinical and administrative teams to contribute and share innovation through regular meetings and hold daily catch-up's over coffee. We have 12 x 15 minute appointments for our clinics.

As a member of our local PCN we hold COVID vaccination clinics and have developed new and collaborative ways of working. We have co-employed clinical pharmacists, first contact physiotherapists, social prescribers, care-co-ordinators using the Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme (ARRS).

We encourage candidates to contact us for an informal visit.

- System One
- High QOF achievement
- CQC "Good" with "Outstanding" in responsiveness to patients
- Purpose based modern leased building
- Additional extended hours locality Hub working available if desired
- Keen baking skills and food huddles along with seasonal quizzes.
- Hawthorn surgery allotment group

If you would like any more information about this opportunity, please contact Amanda Nelson, Practice Manager on 01132954770, or amanda.nelson@nhs.net

Ashfield Medical Centre – Practice Nurse - BAND 5 (GRADE D EQUIVALENT)

Please see attached job advert for more information.