

LMC ViewPoint

The newsletter of Leeds Local Medical Committee Limited

27th March 2024

Seasonal influenza vaccination programme 2024/25

Please see below link to the national flu immunisation letter outlining the campaign for Autumn 2024/25. Practices are advised to check the reimbursable vaccines that have been confirmed, cross check this against their orders for 2024 and adjust if applicable. Practices should also note the proposed changes to the start of the campaign and review against proposed delivery dates if known.

It may be advisable for practices to review eligible cohorts particularly in the 2 & 3 year olds, 6m-18 years clinical at risk groups and also pregnant women. We know practices have had issues in previous campaigns with accurate data around pregnant patients so validation of this cohort prior to the campaign is advised.

Providers are encouraged to align delivery of the flu vaccination programme with other commissioned vaccination programmes for which the patient may be eligible (for instance shingles, pertussis, or pneumococcal vaccines) where it is clinically acceptable, operationally feasible, and where the patient is content. Where co-administration may not be feasible providers must make every effort to encourage individuals to take up the offer of every vaccine they are eligible for. [National flu immunisation programme 2024 to 2025 letter - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/121212/national-flu-immunisation-programme-2024-to-2025-letter.pdf)

The seasonal flu [enhanced service specification](#) has also been issued.

New measles guidance

Please see the new measles [guidance](#) for health professionals which covers:

- clinical diagnosis of measles and differential diagnosis
- management of suspected or confirmed measles
- all ages and all healthcare settings where measles is suspected

Enhancing GP record updates from pharmacies

New functionality to provide practices with structured information about pharmacy consultations for blood pressure checks, contraception and Pharmacy First (minor illness and clinical pathways) will begin a phased roll out this week. Practice staff will no longer have to manually manage this information via NHSmail; data will go straight into the workflow and can be automatically filed or viewed and filed with a single click. Practices should see a gradual increase in messages as pharmacy systems go live.

New evidence collection on eczema in children

The National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) has published a new evidence collection on [Eczema in children: uncertainties addressed](#).

Several studies show that common interventions for eczema don't help. The collection brings together major NIHR research on the prevention and treatment of eczema, allowing healthcare professionals and families of children with eczema to focus on what is effective. It also explores the support children and their families need, to understand and self-manage their eczema effectively.

NHS Cervical Screening Programme support for people who find it difficult to attend cervical screening

[The updated information leaflet for people who find it difficult to attend cervical screening has now been published on GOV.UK.](#) Changes have been made to the language, tone, and format of the leaflet and all references, statistics and images have also been reviewed and updated accordingly. Additional information has also been added to the leaflet; including links to national FGM support clinics, added in response to feedback from the Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Programme. Providers of cervical screening sample taking services are asked to signpost participants to this resource, as individuals can use this information to help them to decide whether to attend and to prepare for their cervical screening appointment.

Medical Examiners Leeds TPP S1 Primary Care Guidance

To support the new statutory medical examiner systems this guidance outlines the Leeds agreed response and step by step process for Leeds S1 TPP practices ([Attachment C](#))

There are limited changes for Emis practices and guidance on the process will be shared in due course.

GP Connect issue

Following recent reports that NHSE has been exploring using GP Connect as a means of centrally pulling patient data from practices, the BMA is seeking immediate clarification from relevant stakeholders. Data transferred via GP Connect is shared on the clear understanding that it is used for direct care. The deployment of the platform for any other purposes – including to circumvent GPs statutory role as data controllers, and access patient data for uses other than direct care is a clear contravention of the agreement put in place to use GP Connect.

Rebuild General Practice patient engagement toolkit

[Rebuild General Practice](#) has launched a [patient engagement toolkit](#) action pack containing ideas, tools and support available for individual GPs wishing to engage with patients about the Rebuild General Practice campaign.

Watch the Rebuild General Practice [patient engagement animation](#) which can be downloaded to the screens of your surgery.

GP Registrars survey highlights increased levels of burnout and worries about future

A [survey by the BMA's GP Registrars Committee](#) showed that GP registrars are facing increased levels of burnout and are worried about their career and health prospects early in their careers.

In addition, under 10% of those who took part in the survey said they intend to work as a full-time GP, with just less than 20% stating that they feel confident of their future as a GP working in the UK.

NHSE New to Practice GP and Nurse Fellowship sign up: deadline 31st March

Despite concerns raised by the BMA and RCGP, NHSE recently announced the [cessation of the NHSE GP and Nurse fellowship schemes](#)

We would like to encourage those GPs eligible (within 12 months of CCT) and nurses, to sign up for the programme in advance of the 31st March 2024 deadline. Please get in touch with the local Training Hubs for details regarding how to register.

Primary Care Falls Pathway published on LHP

Please review the new guidance on managing falls in general practice, published on Leeds Health Pathways: [Leeds Primary Care Falls Pathway - Older Adults \(leedsth.nhs.uk\)](#) It can also be accessed by clicking on the Primary Care tab on the Leeds Health Pathways home page, then clicking on Leeds Pathways, then clicking on Falls.

The guidance has been developed by the falls steering group (author Jo Brayshaw, Clinical Falls Pathway Lead LCH) with feedback from general practice clinicians. The pathway brings together an evidence-based approach, with local service information and handy patient information leaflets. Dr Chris Mills Clinical Lead (Frailty) Leeds ICB.

GPs wanted for focus group: how to improve care after acute kidney injury

Researchers from Leeds and Manchester are looking for GPs to take part in an online focus group to discuss post-discharge care after acute kidney injury.

The focus group will last for one hour online via Teams. Participants will be compensated for time at the rate of £88.20 per hour. The focus group will be on Tuesday 30th April at 7.30pm.

Interested and available? Please contact Mark Jeffries – mark.jefferies@manchester.ac.uk or Kelly Howells Kelly.howells@manchester.ac.uk.

LMC Law - Lunch & Learn FREE Seminars (via zoom)

LMC Law are celebrating their 10-year anniversary of operating within the primary health care sector this year and to mark the occasion we are delighted to offer our constituents a free place on the two webinars detailed below:

A Journey Through the GP world – Bitesized: 12:30pm, 30th April 2024

This seminar is aimed at GP partners, new partners and practice managers or relevant health professionals wishing to become partners. The topics covered include partnerships, new partners, core contracts, absence, retirement and outgoing partners, suspension, disputes, fees, and charges, GDPR and mergers and takeovers.

Contractual arrangements in general practice: 12:30pm, 9th May 2024

This seminar is aimed at GPs, managers, staff in general practice and other healthcare organisations, and covers all aspects of contractual arrangements. Topics include binding contracts, MOUs, oral and written contracts, historical precedents, validity of a contract and changing the terms, misinterpretation, partnership deeds, and contract issues.

The webinars will run for 1 to 1.5 hours each. If you would like to book a place, please email mail@leedslmc.org by Friday 12th April.

Easter Bank Holiday temporary LCC Service Desk phone number

LCC are switching phone systems during the Easter Bank Holiday weekend, Friday 29th – Monday 1st April. During this time, they will have a temporary phone number for out of hours and Enhanced Access calls, this number will route through to NMC who are the same team.

Please use this number, **0113 5352050** over the Easter Bank holiday only. From Tuesday 2nd April the LCC Service Desk will be back to their normal number with hopefully no issues.

GPMplus Education Courses for April-June: Book your place today!

We are pleased to announce that the GPMplus course timetable for April to June is now available – please see the attached brochure or [visit the GPMplus website](#). Courses are available to all practices in West Yorkshire and can be accessed, free of charge, thanks to funding from NHSE (there is an optional charitable donation of £10). They are delivered by experienced GPs and practice managers, and they give you the relevant tools, methods and ideas to help build the individual, the team and the practice. There is a wide range of courses available including four new courses on:

- Recovery after Adverse Events
- Effective Appraisals
- New to General Practice Partnership
- 1/3/5 Year Business Planning

Our courses are available to all members of the practice team as well.

If you require further information or wish to find out more about GPMplus and how it can help you and your practice, please contact Tim Bennett at tim.bennett@yorlmcld.co.uk or call 01423 879922

March Counter Fraud Newsletter

Please find attached the March edition of our counter fraud newsletter.

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[Leeds LMC: Jobs](#)

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