



LMC ViewPoint

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Helping establish Primary Care Networks

With three weeks to go until PCNs are to submit their first paperwork, the GPC have added further support for establishing PCNs to [the BMA website](#). This now includes a '[top tips](#)' document which highlights what groups should be thinking about now. The GPC are currently liaising with VAT specialists and looking to release specific guidance. You can read the latest [blog](#) by Krishna Kasaraneni, GPC England Executive Team member, which goes into more detail of the support GPC England are providing and preparing. If you're responsible for establishing the PCN, or know of others who are, then you should [join our PCN forum](#) to speak to others in the same situation.

The [PCN Clinical Directors conference on 5 June](#) will bring together those who are taking on the role of Clinical Director for a PCN to hear from experts in the field and to share experiences and knowledge.

[BMA Law are also hosting a primary care network advice clinic on 1 and 2 May](#) to help make the process of forming a PCN as easy as possible. Taking place over the phone, this is an excellent opportunity for an expert lawyer to discuss all your PCN queries free of charge (you don't have to be a BMA member to access this). Book now as spaces are very limited.

Leeds LMC / PCSE Learning Workshop – Monday 20 May 2019

Following a recent meeting between the LMC and PCSE it has been agreed to hold a learning workshop. This follows the PCSE restructure in November 2018 when Sophie Meek was appointed GP Engagement Manager covering the North East of England (including North & West Yorkshire).

PCSE representatives will provide help and guidance on the following areas:

- Presentation on Performers List – the NPL process; walking through step by step; who does what and where to find the information.
- Pensions – End of Year expectations, common errors & mistakes.
- Medical records – talk through and provide a demo on the printing of labels in more detail
- PCSE Speakers/Reps at the event will include Tony Grime (Head of Engagement), Julie Powdrell (Senior GP Engagement Lead), Sophie Meek (GP Engagement Manager) and Rifat Zulfar (Engagement Manager) but the main focus of this meeting will be an interactive session with the practice representatives.

Details of the event:

Monday 20th May 2019, from 6.30 to 9pm, at Weetwood Hall Conference Centre, Otley Road, Leeds, LS16 5PS. A hot buffet will be provided from 6.30pm. To register your interest, please email your name and your practice name to mail@leedslmc.org

Should you have any interested GPs that would also like to attend, they would be welcome to do so.

NHS App and HELM event for practices – Tuesday 7 May 2019

Please see information below regarding an event to be hosted by the CCG and GP Confederation about the NHS App and HELM. The event will be held on Tuesday 7 May to identify practices preferred approach to NHS App roll out across Leeds.

The CCG and GP Confederation are keen to understand your views about the most effective way for handling appointment booking in NHS App and approaches to managing different appointment types. The CCG has created a working group to ensure that the NHS App takes into account feedback from practices and this event. Speakers at the event will include local IT specialists, CCG and GP Confederation representatives but the main focus of this meeting will be an interactive session with the practice representatives. To find out more about NHS App, please visit [this link](#)

Please click on this link to view the agenda for the evening:

<https://www.leedsccg.nhs.uk/content/uploads/2019/04/NHS-App-and-Helm-Event-Agenda7May.pdf>

Details of the event:

Tuesday 7 May 2019, from 6.45 to 9pm, at Weetwood Hall Conference Centre, Otley Road, Leeds, LS16 5PS. A hot buffet will be provided from 6pm and if you have any dietary requirements, can you please email Natasha Hill (natasha.hill4@nhs.net).

To register your interest, please email your name and your practices name to Natasha Hill (natasha.hill4@nhs.net).

The LMC believes this will be an important meeting relevant to all practice managers and GPs and we would be grateful if you would please circulate widely within your practice.

BMA Sessional GPs elections

Voting for all sixteen seats of the Sessional GP Subcommittee for the 2019-22 session are now open until 12pm Thursday 9 May 2019. To participate in the election, please login to the BMA's elections [webpage](#). Find out more [here](#).

Time for care programme for GP practices

NHS England has outlined how it's [time for care programme](#), which has been running since 2016, has made a difference in reducing workload pressures for many of those practices that have taken part. The programme will now be rolled out across England and aims to cover three quarters of practices by 2022. In response to this Dr Richard Vautrey said that the extension of the scheme was welcome but there was potential for the scheme to go much further with practices considering safe, effective automation within their systems in order to free up staff time and release time for care. However, much more needs to be done to reduce the day-to-day pressures on practices so that we can make general practice a positive environment for all staff to work in. This was reported by [BBC News online](#), [the Telegraph](#), [OnMedica](#), [National Health Executive](#), and a number of local BBC radio stations.

Contract related changes to vaccinations and immunisation programmes

As part of the GP contract in England for 2019-20 there have been changes to some existing vaccination and immunisation programmes, to increase the item of service fee to align with other vaccinations, and changes to cohort groups. There is also a new MMR catch-up programme for 10 year olds who have not received a completed course of vaccines via the school programme. Read more about these changes [here](#).

GP practice apprentices (England)

In 2017, the Government introduced a levy on all employers in England to encourage recruitment of apprentices. The levy funding can be accessed by [GP Practices](#) to help assist with apprentice training and assessment costs. All employers, regardless of size, are able to benefit from the fund.

It would be helpful to know how many practices are accessing the levy funding and if so, how are they using it. Please send your feedback to workforce-and-innovation@bma.org.uk, as the BMA would like to build a country-wide picture to determine whether or not practices are benefitting from this money.

GP Appraiser Support Survey

The RCGP are conducting a survey to find out how they can better support appraisers and encourage formative and developmental appraisals. They are looking to get views from both appraisers and appraisal leads across the UK, to determine what good appraiser support looks like, and to ensure all appraisers are well supported. You can find the survey here: <http://bit.ly/Appsupport>

Virtual Respiratory Ward Scheme (VRW)

From the 1st April 2019 the Leeds Virtual Respiratory Ward began across the city. The service provides rapid response short term interventions for up to 10 patients who are experiencing an acute exacerbation of COPD to prevent admission to hospital and facilitate early discharges from hospital. The team is made up of specialist nurses, a specialist physiotherapist and clinical assistants who work alongside LTHT respiratory consultants who provide specialist medical support within office hours Monday to Friday. The team is able to provide interventions such as:

- Specialist respiratory support for patient exacerbating allowing them to remain at/go home including:
- Respiratory assessment
- Medication support inc inhaler technique
- Short term nebuliser support
- Functional assessment and support as indicated- meal support; W & D.
- Physiotherapist education- exercises; breathlessness management; secretion clearance

It is to be noted that the service can only accommodate 10 patients, but if effective then further resources to expand will be sought.

Gillian Meakin is the LCH Project Manager for the Virtual Respiratory Ward who can be contacted via email gillianmeakin@nhs.net should further information be needed.

Please see the attached poster for more information and contact details for the service. If you have any appropriate patients, please contact the service to discuss whether they are able to support. Locality engagement will take place over the coming months and the service will be in touch to arrange this at an appropriate time.

ESA65B - Issuing fit notes for patients appealing their WCA

Following feedback from stakeholders on the ESA65B letter that GPs receive, the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) would like to remind GPs that if a patient is found fit for work following a Work Capability Assessment, subject to your clinical judgement, you may continue to issue fit notes if the patient appeals against the decision. This may allow the patient to receive Employment and Support Allowance while they await the outcome of the appeal. If subsequently your patient's appeal is unsuccessful, and it is decided that they are fit for work, you should only issue further fit notes if their condition worsens significantly or they develop a new condition. The DWP are in the process of reviewing the ESA65B letter to clarify this further. [Guidance for GPs](#) on the issuing of fit notes whilst appealing is available on the DWP website.

DS1500 – updated guidance for clinicians

The DWP have recently updated their guidance for clinicians completing the DS1500 form, on behalf of patients who apply for benefits through the special rules process and who it is thought will reasonably die within the next 6 months. The guidance no longer refers to “terminal illness”, clarifies that determining life expectancy is not an exact science and that the form doesn't just apply to patients with cancer. The updated guidance notes can be found in [section 2.7 of the DWP's medical \(factual\) reports guidance for healthcare professionals](#).

Leeds Primary Care Workforce and Training Hub

Leeds Primary Care Workforce and Training Hub are currently taking expressions of interest for student nurse placements, HCA Apprenticeship and the GPN Ready Schemes 2019-2020. Please see the attached leaflet for more information. If you require further information, please contact leedsprimarycare.wth@nhs.net

LARC Fitter Forum – 20th June 2019

The next LARC Fitters Forum date has now been confirmed - Thursday 20th June 2019 6-8:30pm at the Mecure Leeds Parkway Hotel, Otley Road, LS16 8AG. Please share with GP's and practice nurses within your practice.

Please find the attached registration form which can be sent to Roz Armitage at the following email address lshadim.lch@nhs.net by the 3rd June 2019 please.

TARGET dates until February 2020

Please see the list of dates for future TARGET dates which we hope you find useful.

Date	Area	Meeting
Thu 09/05/2019	North	External TARGET
Tue 14/05/2019	West	External TARGET
Thu 20/06/2019	All	TARGET City Wide Primary Care Conference
Tue 10/09/2019	South & East	External TARGET
Thu 19/09/2019	North	External TARGET
Thu 26/09/2019	West	External TARGET
Tue 12/11/2019	South & East	External TARGET
Thu 21/11/2019	North	External TARGET
Thu 28/11/2019	West	External TARGET
Thu 06/02/2020	North	External TARGET
Tue 11/02/2020	South & East	External TARGET
Thu 27/02/2020	West	External TARGET

If you have any questions or would like to register a place at TARGET please contact Leedscq.target@nhs.net

GENERAL INFORMATION DISTRIBUTED TO PRACTICES THIS MONTH

Listed below is the information the LMC has sent to Practices recently. If for any reason you would like another copy and/or further information, please contact us.

- Primary Care Network Seminar
- Leeds LMC / PCSE Learning Workshop – Monday 20 May 2019
- NHS App and HELM event for practices – Tuesday 7 May

Comings & goings...

Woodhouse Medical Practice said a fond farewell to Practice Manager Andrew Stephens who left the practice at the end of March 2019. The practice would like to wish him well in the next step of his career.

All the best for the future Dr Zahra Alani who will be leaving Manston Surgery early June.

Dr Jess Jones will be joining Crossley Street Surgery, Wetherby on 29th April as a salaried GP

Local Vacancies

Oakley Medical Practice, 12 Oakley Terrace, LS11 5HT

We are looking for a new clinician x 4 sessions per week to join our friendly, forward thinking 3 partner practice in South Leeds. We would be happy to consider Salaried GP, newly qualified GP, Retainer GP or ANP (Nurse Prescriber)

The practice offers:

- 3 partners (2 WTE) with current list size of 5,350 patients
- Modern purpose built premises
- SystmOne clinical system
- Excellent support from an established team of administrative and nursing staff
- Regular mentoring sessions

Further information about the practice can be obtained from our website: www.oakleymedicalpractice.co.uk
GP Retainer's must be approved through Health Education England under the GP retention scheme before taking up the post.

For further information, to arrange an informal visit or to apply for the position, please contact Hilary Thompson, Practice Manager on 0113 2720900 or e-mail bunty.thompson@nhs.net

Park Edge Practice

Partnership position available at training practice in North East Leeds for trainer or intending trainer

4-6 sessions with flexibility on days

Start date flexible: August 2019

We are looking for an enthusiastic GP with excellent clinical skills, warmth, leadership qualities and a commitment to providing high quality patient centred care. We are passionate about developing further our teaching and training of medical students and doctors in training.

We are currently made up of two Partners and two salaried GPs. We have a list size of 5,650 in a mixed suburban area working from modern purpose built premises. We have a close knit, valued practice team and are a high achieving training practice. We work closely with our locality team as part of the forth coming Primary Care Network. We have recently been CQC inspected and rated as "Good".

We will offer additional study time for intending trainers and would support applicants who wish to develop their leadership and management experience.

A DBS check will be required for this post.

Closing date for applications: 26/4/19

Interviews weeks commencing: 13/5/19

Applications to be made in writing, including an up to date CV to:

Michelle Little

Practice Manager

parkedgepractice@nhs.net or michelle.milnes@nhs.net

0113 295 4650

Address: Park Edge Practice, Asket Drive, Leeds, LS14 1HX.

Salaried GP Vacancy at Manston Surgery, Crossgates, Leeds LS15 8BZ & Scholes dispensing branch surgery

- We are looking to recruit a GP covering 6 - 8 sessions
- Start date – From August 2019
- New purpose built Surgery
- To take part in the on call rota
- Salaried BMA contract for sickness, maternity
- 6 weeks annual leave, 1 week study leave
- To work some of the time at Scholes our dispensing branch surgery (once dispensing training completed)
- Friendly practice 8k patients
- Full complement of staff, 2 health care assistants & 3 nurses
- System One, paper light practice
- High QOF achiever

Apply with a CV and covering letter to Julie Martin, Practice Manager

Telephone 0113 2645455

Email: julie.martin35@nhs.net

Dr Fox and Partners, Leeds, Salaried GP (6 Sessions Wed-Fri)

An exciting opportunity has arisen for an enthusiastic GP to join our friendly, well-organised, forward thinking practice. We are looking for either a newly qualified or experienced GP to work in our busy PMS practice across two sites for over 13,000 patients across Leeds 14/15 locality area.

- 4 GP Partners and a Managing Partner, 2 Associate GP's, 5 Salaried GPs, GP Retainer, 2 Senior Clinical Pharmacist, Nurse Practitioner, Experienced Nursing and Admin Team.
- Advanced training practice with 2 GP Registrars, FY2, Pre Reg Pharmacist, Student Nurses
- SystmOne Clinical System
- High Qof achievement
- We offer a wide range of services including Minor surgery and contraceptive.
- Our practice host the AAA screening, Ultrasound, Pain Team, Memory Services & Child Physio Clinics
- Extended hours
- Weekly clinical meetings and monthly training sessions.
- Rated Good for CQC
- Partner and Senior Clinician leaders working within the GP Confederation & CCG, South East Leeds GP Federation and Primary Care Networks
- Regular clinical and teaching meetings
- Competitive salary, MPS Professional Indemnity and NHS Pension
- Supportive induction for newly qualified GP's
- GP Career Pathway and Partnership opportunities

Practice website <http://www.coltonmill-thegrange.nhs.uk>

Informal enquiries / visits are welcome. All enquiries to Andrea Mann Managing Partner at Dr Fox and Partners, Colton Mill Medical Centre, Stile Hill Way, Leeds LS15 9JH.

Contact 0113 2044966 or email andrea.mann@nhs.net

Application via NHS Jobs [here](#)