



Update from the Consortium of Lancashire & Cumbria LMCs

Tuesday 11th February 2020

LMC Conference

We held our second annual LMC Conference Friday 7th February. It was a successful event with positive feedback received! We had important speakers present key issues on the new GP contract agreement and how the NHS and PCNs will be moving forward. There was a lot of focus on resources and workforce together with 3 informative and interactive workshops in the afternoon covering the themes of leadership, management and collaboration.

We would like to thank all those that attended our conference especially to our speakers:

- Dr Raj Patel - Deputy Medical Director of Primary Care NHS England
- Dr Samira Anane - GPC Policy lead for Education, Training and Workforce
- Dr Stephen Hardwick - Chair of Lancashire Coastal LMC
- Dr Euan Lawson – Lancaster University
- Dr Linda Alker and Dr Zeyad Abualhamael
- Diane Eaton – Practice Manager
- Peter Tinson – Director of Collaborative Commissioning
- Donna Roberts – Head of Primary Care

Dr Raj Patel presented on the GP Contract for 2020-21 which was agreed last week. The LMC will be doing a separate communication regarding the new GP Contract in the near future.



PCN Conference 2020

The PCN Conference, organised by the BMA, took place 8th February in Birmingham where 400 delegates attended. There were full details of the agreed contract changes with a series of workshops. Peter Higgins, Chief Executive of the LMC, presented a workshop on how LMCs can support PCNs which was well received. If you would like to see the presentation for Peter's workshop, please get in touch!

Burns Night

On January 25th Morecambe Bay LMC held a Burns Night Celebration to which all medics across Morecambe Bay were invited. We would like to thank all those who attended, and we hope you had a great evening. From the event we raised £300 for St Johns Hospice in Lancaster and £300 for St Marys Hospice in Ulverston. A special thank you goes to Dr Peter Weeks for all his involvement in organising the event.





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Taxi Medicals

The LMC has received a number of queries from practices regarding the completion of Taxi Medical Forms. We have developed the attached letter that practices may find useful and wish to use when completing the forms.

NHSEI operational guidance 2020/21

The annual [NHSEI operation guidance](#) has now been published.

Coronavirus

The BMA has published a [web page](#) highlighting key information and links to official guidance from government agencies on coronavirus, including how to handle queries from patients and how to manage patients who contact or attend GP practices.

BMA GPC have stated that they are aware that practices are being contacted by their CCGs, on behalf of NHSEI requesting information regarding practice preparation for coronavirus. BMA GPC advice remains that while there is no obligation to provide this information, unless the Secretary of State issues a direction, it is encouraged practices respond so that NHSEI and Public Health England are aware of the national picture for preparations.

BMA GPC remain in close contact with NHSEI and other stakeholders to ensure that any measures they put in place are supportive and do not place any overly onerous burden on GPs and their patients. Practices should continue to review their business continuity plans, infection prevention and control measures in addition to any national guidance issued by UK health or public health agencies.

Estimate of Pensionable Income Form

The 'Estimate of Pensionable Income Form' for year 2020/21 is now available on the NHSBSA/NHS Pensions [website](#).

MDDUS member vote on arrangements for historic liabilities

In September 2019, MDDUS entered into a transaction with DHSC in relation to its GP liabilities. It is important that arrangements for the management of existing liabilities remain clear – this was recognised during the contractual negotiations which set up the clinical negligence scheme for GPs (CNSGP). Therefore, there is acknowledgement from the GPC England that such arrangements are necessary as responsibilities for existing liabilities transfer. Information for MDDUS members is available [here](#).

