



Update from the Consortium of Lancashire & Cumbria LMCs

Monday 24th February 2020

Burns Night

We are pleased to announce that the Burns night event organised by Morecambe Bay LMC raised and donated £300 to St Johns Hospice and £300 to St Mary's Hospice. We would like to thank Dr Peter Weeks for all his efforts with the event.



LMC Conference feedback

For those who attended our LMC Conference 7th February: Please complete our [short survey](#) to help us improve our Conference for next year.

GP Contract Roadshow

There are still available places to listen to the GPC Chair Dr Richard Vautrey present on the 2020/21 contract changes this Wednesday 26th February at the Marriott Hotel Preston. The event will start at 1pm with food at 12.30 and should be finished for 3pm.

This is a valuable opportunity for you to hear about the contract changes with an opportunity to ask questions. Please contact [Rebecca](#) if you would like to attend.

If you are unable to attend on the day, we will be live streaming the event on Twitter. Give us a [follow](#) if you aren't already following us!

Neurology training

There will be a workshop on 'How to learn well - mastering the art of lifelong learning' based on the latest neuroscience research by Dr Abhijit Das Neurology Consultant Royal Preston Hospital. This will take place Tuesday 17th March at the University of Central Lancashire room HA108. The event will start at 7pm with food at 6.30pm. Please let [Maria](#) know if you would like to attend.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) update

The BMA [webpage](#) is regularly updated with guidance together with links to information from Public Health England (PHE) and the Department of Health and Social Care. The guidance for Primary Care was recently updated and can be found [here](#). Posters for practices and guidance by RCGP can also be found [here](#). The updated PHE guidance advises that the patient should be isolated and to call 111 directly, without there being an expectation that the GP does this. NHS England has also distributed the briefing for Primary Care providers which is attached to this email.

BMA GPC encourages all practices to continue to follow current advice from PHE, and for anyone who suspects they might be at risk of having the virus, or has developed symptoms, to call NHS 111.





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Changes to Employment Contracts from 6th April 2020

Important changes are coming into effect on 6 April 2020 concerning information that employers must provide to their employees. Please see the attached document for more information.

IR35 guidance for locum GPs

The BMA have updated their employment status (IR35) guidance into one easy-to-read document so that locum GPs have the information they need to be confident in determining their employment status. Read more in a [blog](#) by Matt Mayer, deputy chair of the GP Sessional GP committee.

Have your say - DWP survey for doctors involved in benefits process for the terminally ill

The Department for Work and Pensions is evaluating how the benefits system, including the DS1500 process, supports those nearing the end of their lives and desperately needs views from those doctors involved. To have your say please complete this short [survey](#) which should only take a few minutes to complete.

NHS 111 Data Sharing Agreements

Practices are being approached by NHS111 providers to sign Data Sharing Agreements for NHS 111 staff to book GP appointments directly. The BMA states that a DSA is not necessary for the purposes of assigning an appointment only as it does not require access to the patient's medical record.

Pensions

The deadline to submit the NHS Pension Scheme end of year Type 1 medical practitioner (GP Provider) certificate or the Type 2 medical practitioner (salaried GP) self-assessment form for year 2018/19 is Saturday 29th February 2020. These need to be submitted to Primary Care Support England in accordance with the statutory NHS Pension Scheme Regulations. You can access all GP pension forms [here](#).

Childhood health briefing

The BMA has published the report [Supporting a healthy childhood - The need for greater investment in services in England](#), which highlights a lack of investment across a range of child services, leaving doctors concerned about the adverse impact on child health. The BMA is urging the Government to increase investment across the entirety of children's health and social care services, and reverse local authority cuts to ensure children have a healthy start in life.

MMR vaccine after UK mumps outbreak

Following the news reports about a surge in mumps cases in the UK: The BMA advises that although they are against mandatory vaccination for jabs, it is essential that people are encouraged to get them.

