



Update from the Consortium of Lancashire & Cumbria LMCs

Tuesday 3rd March 2020

GP Support & Development Scheme Mentors

The GP Support and Development Scheme is a free and confidential peer support service offered to all GPs in Lancashire and Cumbria. We are looking for more mentors on our scheme. If you would like to know more information about being a mentor or if you would like to access a mentor please get in touch with [Maria](#).

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.

Purple Sharp Bins

The LMC have been informed that practices are having issues with delivery for purple sharp bins. Please let us know if your practice is not getting these deliveries.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) update

The BMA [webpage](#) is regularly updated with guidance and links to information from Public Health England and the Department of Health and Social Care. The webpage includes a link to [the PHE guidance for primary care](#).

NHS England has published [four Standard Operating Procedures](#) for primary care: general practice, optical practice, community pharmacy, primary dental care. The BMA are aware that there are several issues that are not dealt with in the document for general practice and are liaising with NHSE/I to ensure they are resolved.

The standard operating procedure, other documents and guidance are also available on the [NHS England Emergency Preparedness COVID-19 webpage](#).

The [Telegraph](#) reported on travel insurers asking for GP notes to pay out for cancelled trips, to which Dr Richard Vautrey commented: 'It is completely inappropriate for insurers and travel agents to be asking their customers to approach family doctors with such requests. GPs are not in a position to advise whether patients are fit to travel in this situation, and it is not their responsibility to do this.' This was also reported by [the Telegraph](#) and [Express Informer](#).

GMS Ready Reckoner

NHS England has updated their [GMS ready reckoner](#). This should help individual practices see what happens to their baseline. This is an update to the one from last year.





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Friends and Family Test – April 2020

In advance of the revisions to the [Friends and Family Test guidance](#) effective from April 2020 which apply across the NHS, NHSE/I have published additional guidance on the [submission of data in General Practice](#) along with the submission dates for 2020/21. [FAQs](#) are also available setting out the changes made to the standard questions and advice for implementation.

ZCap Model – Castlegate Projects

Castlegate Projects sponsored our Conference on 7th February. The following is some information about their ZCap model if any practice is interested:

The market-leading, shared ownership property model that keeps GPs in control

The benefits:

- Ownership but no capital required – can work with new/existing NHSE grants.
- Control of the building – GPs free to make building changes and sub-let.
- No personal guarantees required and development risks fully mitigated.
- Share in long-term investment returns.
- No negative equity – could also help solve existing difficulties.
- New build, partner buy-outs, property purchases and adaptations all possible.
- Rent and development costs fully reimbursable.
- Integrated property Design and Management service – minimise disruption.
- Help attract/retain GPs – support NHS forward plans and new Models of Care.
- Partnership with local pension funds produces local community dividend.

Sound interesting? For a no-obligation discussion or meeting, please visit www.z-cap.co.uk

Collaborative working models that involve community pharmacists and general practitioners

The LMC has received the following from a doctoral student at the University of Bath conducting research on different forms of collaboration between community pharmacists (CPs) and general practitioners (GPs):



Are you part of a collaboration that involves community pharmacists (CPs) and general practitioners (GPs) in England?

If so, it would be great to hear from you.

Marianna Liaskou MRPharmS, ml510@bath.ac.uk
PhD title: An exploration of the development and effect of collaboration models between CPs and GPs.
PhD aim: To understand collaborative working models and their characteristics, drivers, purpose, impact on stakeholders involved and performance in order to inform current practice.

Thank you!





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Digitisation of Lloyd George records

The GMS Contract Reform 2019 states that there is a requirement for the digitisation of medical Lloyd George (LG) records to be completed by 2023.

Lancashire & South Cumbria ICS are part of a national NHSX Acceleration Programme to enable an area to fully digitalise their LG Records. This now forms part of a larger digitalisation programme covering the 5 ICPs for L&SC after securing further funding. This work follows an extensive audit of current LG storage situation across L&SC primary care services and estate. The audit identified 18 football pitches of space is currently used to store these paper records.

Practices should now start to consider alternative uses for the freed-up space currently used to house their LG records.

L&SC Strategic Estates and Infrastructure Team have worked closely with the National Commercial & Procurement Hub to place a tender in the market for a system supplier to digitise LG paper records across L&SC. The tender process is now in the last stages and the successful supplier will commence the contract 21st April 2020.

Engagement will commence shortly and an information pack outlining the process and expectations of the practices will be circulated once the Supplier has been selected. The LMC will keep you updated on our discussions with the Digitisation of Lloyd George records team.

Request to refer patients with chronic low back pain for a first in human (FIH) study

Royal Preston Hospital is the chief investigator site for a first in human (FIH) research study into lower back pain.

Name of the study:

A phase 1b study investigating the safety, tolerability and efficacy of PP353 in the treatment of patients with chronic low back pain associated with vertebral body endplate bone oedema (Modic 1)

For more info please see the following [link](#).

Please email FIH@lthtr.nhs.uk if interested.

