

SESSIONAL GP BULLETIN: February 2021

Dear Colleagues

YORLMC is the professional voice for all NHS GPs and practice teams across North Yorkshire, the City of York, Bradford, Airedale, Wharfedale & Craven districts. As a sessional GP, you have the opportunity to be represented through YORLMC Ltd at no cost to you personally, meaning your views can be represented fairly and adequately when determining and negotiating policy.

YORLMC is seeking to develop and promote effective and relevant communication links with all sessional GPs working within our footprint. As part of this we will produce a regular bulletin highlighting items that may be of particular interest to sessional GP's across Bradford, Airedale, Wharfedale & Craven (BAWC) and North Yorkshire and York (NYY) districts. If you would like to request particular themes, topics or updates to be included within these bulletins please email your suggestions to Sandra.warriner@yorlmcld.co.uk



Ensuring effective communication with you

YORLMC's communications are targeted to ensure relevance both in terms of your GP role and locality. We encourage all sessional GPs that do not receive our communications directly, to share their contact details with us via info@yorlmcld.co.uk so that we can keep you updated.

YORLMC 'Locality' meetings are currently taking place virtually, this has benefits in terms of increased flexibility with time commitments and reduced travel. Locality meetings are open to all GPs regardless of contractual status and are attended by CCG and Trust representatives together with practice managers and local partner agencies. They offer the opportunity to keep abreast of and contribute to, local discussion as well as a chance to network and build links with colleagues and organisations across the locality. Meeting dates for BAWC localities can be found [here](#) and NYY localities [here](#). If you wish to attend an upcoming meeting please contact the Corporate Affairs Team on info@yorlmcld.co.uk for login details.

We welcome the chance to support all GP's within North Yorkshire, the City of York, Bradford, Airedale, Wharfedale & Craven, please do get in touch.

With best wishes,

Brian

ICS consultation and the White Paper

The Government has published a white paper on plans to reform the NHS, these include proposals to make ICSs statutory and to make major changes to the way services are procured. A link to this document can be found here [‘Integration and Innovation: working together to improve health and social care for all’](#). The BMA has produced a summary of the white paper which can be found here [bma-member-briefing-gov-nhs-reform-feb-2021.pdf](#)

The proposals set out that GPs will be one of the few required members of the ICS leadership, and that there will be a lot of flexibility around how place level (likely to be former CCG) working is organised and works. There is a key role for LMCs to engage in these proposals for change and to help shape outcomes. YORLMC will be working to ensure that the views of local GPs are sought, their interests represented and that any outcomes and significant developments are communicated and shared.

YORLMC Roadshows

YORLMC has set up series of virtual locality-based roadshows, designed to update GPs and practice managers on changes to the GP contract. These roadshows will be hosted by YORLMC Medical Secretary Dr Brian McGregor and will include an update on changes to the GP contract 2021-22 and the latest news on NHSE/I proposals to make ICSs (Integrated Care Systems) statutory bodies.

Places are limited, please book using the links below as soon as possible.

North Yorkshire & York Branch

- Wednesday 24 February, 4.30pm-6.30pm <https://www.yorlmcld.co.uk/events/11915>
- Wednesday 3 March, 7pm-9pm <https://www.yorlmcld.co.uk/events/11918>

Bradford & Airedale Branch

- Thursday 25th February, 4:30pm – 6:30pm <https://www.yorlmcld.co.uk/events/11916>
- Tuesday 2nd March, 7pm – 9pm <https://www.yorlmcld.co.uk/events/11917>

Wellbeing

YORLMC's wellbeing programme brings together a range of services, schemes and events that support wellbeing and enable individuals to look after their own health and identify when to seek help before difficulties arise. Further information can be found in [Appendix 1](#) and at <https://www.yorlmcld.co.uk/wellbeing>

GPMplus

YORLMC is pleased to announce the launch of GPMplus. GPMplus is a free mentoring service which can be accessed by all GPs including trainee, salaried, locum and returning GPs, working in the LMC catchment areas of YORLMC, Leeds, Calderdale, Kirklees, Humberside and Wakefield. The service is provided by trained mentors with experience of working in frontline General Practice. More information can be found at www.gpmplus.co.uk

Access to COVID vaccinations

There are a number of potential routes to be vaccinated as a sessional GP:

- via a PCN if you are working/or have a working relationship with one of the constituent member practices of that PCN
- via a GP federation employing sessional GP's
- via your own GP practice – the default position in many cases
- via mass vaccination sites
- via Trust hospital hubs if you are working there/or have a working relationship with a trust team

Practices are encouraged to liaise with local system partners to ensure that any staff who have not yet been offered a vaccine are offered one, including any locum GPs they are in regular contact with, as soon as practically possible.

DDRB pay award

The BMA has received reports that some salaried GPs are struggling to get their 2.8% pay lift, as recommended by DDRB and approved by the government, despite being entitled to it. There is a contractual requirement to implement this pay lift for salaried GPs employed on the BMA model contract.

If you are a salaried GP struggling to obtain the pay lift, even after having a conversation about the matter with your practice manager, you may wish to send a formal letter. The [BMA DDRB template letter](#) can be adapted to reflect your circumstances. Please [get in touch with the BMA](#) if you need further assistance in this area.

GP Retention Scheme webinar

A [webinar on the GP Retention Scheme](#) will be taking place on *Thursday 25 February* from 7pm – 8.15pm. This will focus on how the GP Retention Scheme works for both employees and employers, tackling some common misconceptions about the scheme and featuring views and experiences from a range of GPs currently on the scheme. Speakers include:

- Samira Anane, chair (GP and GPC policy lead for Education, training and workforce)
- Naureen Bhatti (Health Education England)
- Katie Bramall-Stainer (Retained GP)
- Jonathan Rial (Retained GP)
- Paula Wright (Sessional GPs Committee)
- Tim Morton (GPC)

The session will be of interest to GPs who are considering applying to join the scheme or who would like to know more about it; GP employers and practice managers who would be interested in employing a retained GP; and existing Retained GPs who have questions about the scheme or would like to hear some perspectives from other retained GPs and employers.

The webinar will be recorded and will be made available to view on the BMA website during the following week. There will a Q&A session at the end and you can submit any questions in advance to cscott@bma.org.uk. Click [here](#) to sign up.

YORLMC job page

The YORLMC website includes a vacancies page at <https://www.yorlmcld.co.uk/jobs>. This page is regularly updated with current vacancies and details of GPs seeking work. NHS Practices and GPs in the YORLMC area can place adverts on this page free of charge. To place an advert please email info@yorlmcld.co.uk

YORLMC Sessional GP representation

YORLMC recognises the diversity of contracts held by GPs and is aware of the importance of ensuring that a wide cross-section of GPs are represented and there are seats on each Branch of YORLMC to which salaried and locum GPs can be elected.

The following sessional GPs currently hold seats on the Bradford & Airedale Branch:

- [Dr Maria Foulds](#)
- [Dr Kathryn Howe](#)
- [Dr Rohael Iftakhar](#)
- [Dr Murniah Skinner](#)
- [Dr Val Wilson](#) .

The following sessional GPs currently hold seats on the North Yorkshire and York Branch:

- [Dr Tillmann Jacobi](#)
- [Dr Brian McGregor](#)

[Dr. Val Wilson](#), [Dr. Rohael Iftakhar](#) and [Dr. Brian McGregor](#) also represent YORLMC's sessional GP voice as members of the Yorkshire and Humber Sessional LMC Group.