



SESSIONAL GP BULLETIN: August 2021

Dear Colleagues

Latest news from the GPC

At the GPC England meeting in May, the committee passed a vote of no confidence in the senior leadership of NHS England and Improvement. Among other things, the motion also instructed the GPC England executive team to cease all formal meetings with NHSEI until such time a motion could be brought back to the GPC recommending that NHSEI had taken sufficient steps to restore the confidence in its leadership. This is an instruction GPC England has followed.

On 15 July, GPC England met again to discuss progress and the direction it may wish to take in terms of negotiation with NHSEI. After discussion, a recommendation was not brought to return to formal meetings with NHSEI at this point. This is not a situation that GPC England wants to continue and it recognises that getting to a place where it is able to negotiate effectively on behalf of the profession with an NHSEI that is able to clearly demonstrate it understands and acts on the needs of general practice, is in the best interests for everyone not least our patients. GPC England continues to discuss how to proceed and YORLMC will keep you informed of developments.



YORLMC Annual Report

YORLMC is proud to represent General Practice, in Bradford, Airedale, Wharfedale & Craven and North Yorkshire and York, where the quality and commitment remains high and delivers on behalf of our patients' day in and day out. We are acutely aware the pressures now are more severe than they have ever been, where want does not match need, where many are jaded, tired, and struggling physically and emotionally to continue to provide the standard of care they know is the best for their patients.

YORLMCs robust relationships with commissioners means we know they too are aware of this, and they remain committed to supporting General Practice in any way they are able; this has also led to robust discussions with regards to the place of General Practice in the new Integrated Care Systems, to ensure the whole system is aware of the workload pressures and limited capacity of General Practice. In the coming year, this will be a key priority for YORLMC. You can read a full account of the range and scope of YORLMC's work during 2020/2021 in the [Annual Report](#).

With best wishes,

Brian

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Q&A Session with Brian McGregor

GPs and practice staff across the YORLMC area are invited to join a monthly Q&A session hosted by YORLMC Medical Secretary and COVID-19 lead Dr Brian McGregor. Brian also serves on the national GPC as the representative for North Yorkshire & York and Bradford & Airedale.

Each session starts with a brief update on a range of topics. Issues discussed at recent sessions have included: • GPDRP • Medical Examiners • PCSE • Govt response to vote of no confidence • Workload and appointment data • Vaccinations/boosters • RSV • EU Settlement scheme. Time is also given to individual questions and discussion on any topic.

The Q&A events take place on a monthly basis. For information on this and other forthcoming events please visit <https://www.yorlmcld.co.uk/events>

DDRB pay uplift

The BMA has expressed disappointment in the recently announced 3% pay uplift for doctors. In their response the BMA has highlighted that although a 3% is the highest uplift that salaried GPs have received in many years, it does not compensate for the years of pay erosion experienced by all doctors. Moreover, practices in England will not be given additional funding on top of the 2.1% for staff already allocated for this year, which means GP partners could be faced with deciding between service cuts or being able to pay the full amount to salaried GPs. The BMA has communicated its concerns directly to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care and you can read the BMA response [here](#)

Dr Richard Vautrey BMA GP Committee Chair and Dr Ben Molyneaux BMS Sessional GP Committee Chair have written a joint blog which is available [here](#)

Locum doctors in the NHS: Understanding and improving the quality and safety of care.

The Institute for Health Policy and Organisation, University of Manchester is carrying out a research project to examine how temporary or locum doctors work in the NHS, what they do, how their work is organised, and what effects that might have on the quality and safety of healthcare for patients. The aim is to help find ways to improve the working arrangements for locum doctors and the quality and safety of patient care they provide.

This research is supported by NHS England and Improvement, Health Education England, and the General Medical Council. If you would like to take part, your contributions will help inform future decisions about how locum employment is organised please visit <https://www.ihpo.manchester.ac.uk/research/projects/the-use-of-locum-doctors-in-the-nhs/>

Enhanced shared parental leave system for salaried GPs (UK)

The new [enhanced shared parental leave](#) system for salaried GPs has been launched across the UK and will allow for up to 50 weeks of the 52 weeks maternity leave to be shared between the parents. Eligible parents are also able to share up to 37 weeks of statutory shared parental pay (equivalent of statutory maternity pay).

The ESPL system will be offered by employers at GMS and some PMS practices. Employees may request for this new form of leave to be included in their contracts, in line with provisions for junior doctors and agenda for change staff.

Find out more about enhanced shared parental leave entitlements [here](#). BMA members can find further information in the updated [Salaried GPs handbook](#).

Portfolio GP and access to Windows 365

An NHS net address is needed for locums, portfolio, and some GP trainees to be able to access office 365 and be able to then log in to clinical systems within practices. Portfolio GPs who do not have an NHS.net address can contact locumadmin@nhs.net and ask to be moved to the X33 locum container. This should enable an NHS login to be created and enable access to practice systems.

Health and Care Bill

The Government has introduced the [Health and Care Bill](#) which will deliver significant health reforms in England. These include making ICSs (integrated Care Systems) statutory bodies, dissolving CCGs, and transferring their responsibilities, staff and powers to ICSs, formally merging NHS England and NHS Improvement, removing Section 75 of the 2012 Health and Social Care Act and mandated competitive tendering, and conferring new powers over the NHS to the Secretary of State.

This will determine the structure of the NHS management and contracts for the next 10 - 15 years, and GPs are advised to familiarise themselves with the basic framework. The BMA has produced a BMA member summary which gives an overview of the new design framework and the BMA's analysis of it. The BMA has also released a statement regarding the timing of the reforms and continues to raise concerns as to whether now is the right time to introduce wholesale reforms. Details of this can be found [here](#).

YORLMC is working with colleagues across HCV & WY to ensure that there is GP representation at a system (ICS) level as well as making sure the GP voice is also engaged with other partners in care working within the ICSs, for example, Local Authority and Trust colleagues

Review of the England Medical Performers List Regulations

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has commissioned NHSEI to review the England Medical Performers List Regulations in the context of the wider regulatory landscape in operation across England. This review has the potential to identify where regulatory requirements can be streamlined and simplified, while maintaining the high professional standards that ensure patient safety.

NHSEI has compiled a survey designed to gather information from stakeholders about their views of the existing regulatory landscape for General Practitioners in England plus thoughts on how this landscape might be transformed. The feedback from the questionnaire will contribute to the content of a series of focus group discussions and inform an options appraisal that will be shared with the Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC) during the autumn 2021. Here is the link to the online survey, which closes on 6th August <https://www.engage.england.nhs.uk/survey/c054f663/>

YORLMC website - Environmental page

YORLMC have developed a collection of useful links and resources relevant to GPs and practices which can be used to inform, develop and inspire environmentally friendly ways of working. These are available on the YORLMC website [here](#).

Climate change and environmental sustainability is a matter that affects all our lives. These pages are intended to be a dynamic and evolving resource hub with new information added regularly and an emphasis placed on sharing local initiatives and celebrating success. Topics covered include:

- Directory of general resources for practices
- Clinical Resources
- Local environmental initiatives / groups and events
- Courses, Development and Training Opportunities
- Patient Resources
- YORLMC's Environmental Pledge
- Success and Feedback

Please contact sandra.warriner@yorlmcld.co.uk if you have information of environmental initiatives which you feel may be useful to share with colleagues through this website page.

Locality CCG Bulletins

North Yorkshire, Vale of York and Bradford CCGs send out regular GP practice bulletins. These provide a useful source of local information for GPs and practices on a wide variety of matters including clinical updates, learning and development opportunities, practice management and local news and updates. These bulletins are mailed out to local practices and can be circulated to individual GPs by request. If you are interested in receiving the bulletin for your local area, please contact the relevant CCG on the following email address and ask to be added to the circulation list.

- Updates for GP Practices - Bradford District and Craven CCG. communications@bradford.nhs.uk
- Practice Bulletin - VOY CCG voyccg.communications@nhs.net
- GP Practice Bulletin- NY CCG: nyccg.engagement@nhs.net

YORLMC - GP Vacancies 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. You can also Follow [YORLMC](#) on Twitter for the latest updates and job listings.