

Bradford & Airedale News

Update from YORLMC for GPs and practice staff in
Bradford, Airedale, Wharfedale & Craven - November 2021

Message from Dr Steve Patterson

YORLMC BA Branch Chair

Dear colleagues

Our heavy workload continues as we move into the winter months. It's been a busy time at a YORLMC level too. You will receive the regular updates from Dr Brian McGregor, YORLMC Medical Secretary, and the YORLMC newsletter which detail work done - below are updates on just a couple of issues currently being looked at on a BAWC level:

Secondary to primary care shift

Inappropriate transfer of work from hospitals adds significantly to GP workload. Discussions have taken place between YORLMC, Hospital Trusts and the CCG to agree a way to improve communication between GPs and Secondary Care Consultants. A joint communication from YORLMC and the CCG has been sent to practice managers setting out arrangements for a new directory of contacts allowing GPs to make easier contact with consultants and vice versa. We all hope this will help improve communication and give both GPs and consultants an easier route to flag concerns.

We are also asking practices to tally examples of transfer of work and share with YORLMC to help assess the scale of the problem. Thanks to everyone who is helping with this, it will really help to inform our ongoing discussions with commissioners.

NHS Property Services – service charge disputes

Disputes over service charges levied by NHSPS is a national problem – there's more information on the [BMA website](#) about the latest situation. In terms of YORLMC's current position on the general situation, the new imposed charges are still under dispute and our advice to practices is not to pay the new charges unless agreement has been reached, but we have advised practices that they should pay any historically agreed fees if the practice is content with the legality and accuracy of them, whilst clearly indicating they do not agree or accept the new imposed charges. Practices should at least be paying up to the 2015 levels (prior to NHSPS centralising all operations) and may wish to hold funds in reserve to cover any balance once any dispute has been settled.

*With best wishes,
Steve*



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Message from Chris Brennan

Practice Manager resource, Bradford & Airedale Branch, YORLMC



Just a reminder that I am the Practice Manager resource co-opted to the Bradford & Airedale Branch of YORLMC. My role is to use my experience to inform YORLMC discussions and negotiations with a range of organisations, including CCGs, hospital trusts and local authorities.

For clarity, my role is not to provide practice manager representation but instead is to provide a resource and expertise to the Committee by providing a practice manager perspective.

I attend Branch meetings, locality meetings and also liaison meetings with CCG leads, so if you feel there are issues/themes emerging that would benefit from being highlighted at these meetings, please let me know.

The easiest way to contact me is by email on chris.brennan@bradford.nhs.uk. When emailing it would be helpful if you could also copy your email to Kate Mackenzie (kate.mackenzie@yorlmcld.co.uk) and Simon Berriman (simon.berriman@yorlmcld.co.uk) at the Corporate Affairs Team.

Keep up to date with the YORLMC website

There's lots of information available on the website for GPs and practices.

The most recent addition is a special page of [guidance and resources](#) available for practice managers and there's also information about [YORLMC wellbeing services](#), [forthcoming events](#) and much more.

There's also a dedicated section for [environmental](#) resources and local initiatives.

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Invitation to YORLMC locality meetings

All GPs and practice managers are invited to attend their YORLMC locality meetings. These meetings take place bi-monthly and attendees include YORLMC members as well as senior representatives from the CCG and local hospital trust. It's a chance for practical discussions about the latest developments and to raise concerns. GPs and practice managers are also welcome to submit agenda items for the meetings.

Dates for remaining meetings in meetings 2021 are [here](#) and the dates for 2022 are available at [Appendix 1](#). The meetings are held on Zoom, making it even easier to attend.

To attend a meeting, or for more information, please contact Kate Mackenzie on kate.mackenzie@yorlmcld.co.uk



About YORLMC

Corporate Affairs Team

YORLMC's Corporate Affairs Team (CAT) is responsible for keeping GPs and practice teams informed of current issues relating to primary care and beyond. The CAT leads on communicating important messages, producing regular guidance and newsletters to keep all GPs and practice teams informed, involved and engaged.

To help the CAT keep track of changes within practice teams it will be much appreciated if you can advise info@yorlmc.co.uk when email addresses change, when GPs join or leave your practice as well as when there is to be a change of Practice Manager.

Simon Berriman and Kate Mackenzie are the first points of contact for all Bradford, Airedale, Wharfedale and Craven related matters. Simon and Kate can be contacted on simon.berriman@yorlmc.co.uk and Kate.Mackenzie@yorlmc.co.uk

FREE job advertising service for practices & GPs

YORLMC has a job page on the YORLMC website at <https://www.yorlmc.co.uk/jobs>. NHS Practices in the YORLMC area seeking to fill GP and staff vacancies and GPs seeking work in the YORLMC area can place adverts on the job page free of charge. To place an advert please contact the Corporate Affairs Team on info@yorlmc.co.uk

Pharmacy applications

The following application has been granted:

- Application for inclusion in a pharmaceutical list at 1 Ebenezer Place, Bradford, West Yorkshire, BD7 3BZ in respect of distance selling premises by M S Pharma Services Ltd.

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YORLMC:

- supports and advises individual constituent GPs and practice teams on all matters that affect them in their professional lives.
- provides individual constituent GPs and practice teams with a variety of services to give modern General Practice the support needed.
- promotes the development of General Practice to ensure the delivery of high quality services to patients within the resources available.
- encourages equality, diversity and inclusion in all its activities.
- strives to be truly representative of all sections of General Practice, and for everyone to feel respected and able to give their best.

YORLMC's role is not just about GMS/PMS services but about the majority of things that GPs and practices do in their normal working day.

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