# YORLMC News

For practices in North Yorkshire & York and Bradford & Airedale

# **Message from Dr Brian McGregor**

# **Dear colleagues**

# 2024/25 GP contract changes

We received details from NHSE of the final GP contract arrangements for 2024/25. You can see a <u>copy of the letter from NHSE here</u>. The BMA has issued a press release in response and you can <u>read this on the BMA</u> <u>website</u>.

YORLMC is holding a series of roadshows in the coming days at which you can find out more about the contract. More than 150 GPs and practice managers have already booked to attend and there a few places remaining – please book as soon as possible using the links below if you would like to attend:

- Wednesday 6 March Bradford & Airedale Book your place here
- Thursday 7 March North Yorkshire & York Book your place here
- Monday 11 March virtual roadshow (Zoom) Book your place here

Another event in the diary is my next Q&A session, taking place on 28 March, 7pm-8pm, on Zoom. Booking is open for this event and you can <u>book your place here</u>. GPC is also planning a special webinar for Yorkshire & Humber on 20 March - further details to follow.

Dr Cath Chapman and I have recorded a podcast about the contract which you can <u>listen to here</u>.

Best wishes

Brian

Dr Brian McGregor, YORLMC Medical Secretary





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# Have your say on the 2024/25 GP contract changes

# Please see below a message from the BMA:

"The GP contract offer will be put to you, as BMA members, via a referendum in March. This won't stop the Government from imposing the contract changes, but it will give us a vital insight into how the profession feels about the contract, and where we go next. We know you need hope, stability and safety in your day to day-to-day work and in your surgeries and this is the message we give to government frequently and will continue to do so.

"You need to be a BMA member to have your say in the referendum. This means <u>making sure your details are up to date</u>, and spreading the word to friends and colleagues about joining the BMA. We plan to open the referendum in early March, so do keep an eye on your email for the voting link. The email will be from Civica, which is handling the referendum on the BMA's behalf."

# Access to records: Communicating with patients

The BMA has put together some guidance about communicating with patients about access to records. The guidance is available on the <u>BMA</u> <u>website</u>.

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# Cloud based telephony

GPCE has written to NHSE to raise concerns over the rollout of CBT (cloud-based telephony) and the financial and workload impact this is having on practices along with pressure to sign complex contracts on very short deadlines. NHSE advised last year that there would be no increased costs to practices for their monthly contracts. GPCE has relayed concerns about these issues and is seeking an urgent meeting with NHSE while calling for a pause of the roll-out of this contract mandated procurement exercise.

GPC England wants to hear if you are seeing increased costs and please do email info.gpc@bma.org.uk with details of what you pay now and what you are being asked to pay going forward with the telephony provider. GPs have been pressured at the last minute to sign up to new telephony systems at huge extra cost - despite reassurances from NHSE this would not be the case. |GPCE Deputy chair Dr David Wrigley thinks this is a huge mistake and has called for an immediate pause, read more here.

# Workforce data

See more infographics and data showing the pressures in general practice > Please also see the <u>YORLMC website</u> for local information. The BMA urges practices to use <u>BMA safe</u> working guidance to limit contacts to 25 per day to prioritise safe patient care, within the present bounds of the GMS contract. 2

# Measles outbreak practice staff and MMR vaccinations

GPCE England has written to NHSE and received the reply below:

On behalf of Deputy Director of vaccination – medicines & pharmacy

In light of the national measles outbreak and urgency to support rapid uptake of the MMR vaccine, we are permitting practices to administer MMR vaccines to their eligible staff who are registered with another practice under INT (immediately necessary treatment). Please note this is a time limited arrangement until 31 March 2024 in light of the on-going national incident and only applies to MMR vaccinations.

An item of service fee cannot be claimed for the administration of MMR vaccines to staff registered with another practice. However, indemnity cover will be provided through CNSGP and nationally supplied MMR stock can be used to vaccinate eligible staff. Staff must be strongly encouraged to inform their registered practice that they have received an MMR vaccine, requesting it be included in their medical record.

# **Precipice study recruitment**

Please see attached at <u>Appendix 1</u> a flyer recruiting for a research project funded through LGA monies and looking at GP experiences of suicide prevention in primary care.

# Primary Care Placement Innovation Pilots 2024

# £25k 12-month educational development projects

Please see attached at <u>Appendix 2</u> and <u>Appendix 3</u> information from the Academic Unit of Primary Care (AUPC) at the University of Leeds about funded time to develop undergraduate clinical placements in primary care.

# 2022/23 End of Year Pensions process

There are resources available from PCSE to help with the 2022/23 end of year pensions process. Please visit the <u>PCSE</u> <u>website</u> for more information including details of forms and guidance on how to complete as well as information about a PCSE webinar and how to book your place.

The PCSE YouTube channel has dedicated playlists for the 2022/23 end of year pensions process for both <u>Type 1</u> and <u>Type 2</u> forms.

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# FREE Webinar: Partnership Agreements – What you need to know

## Delivered by DR Solicitors, Daphne Robertson (Senior Partner) and Nils Christiansen (Managing Partner)

Humberside LMC is delivering the webinar below for GP Partners, Practice Managers and Senior Primary Care Staff in **Humber and North Yorkshire** 

#### During this webinar, you will cover:

- Why a deed is so important and how to ensure it is valid
- Key clauses in a well drafted partnership agreement
- Common issues/pitfalls
- Dispute resolution
- Q&A

#### Available on the following dates and times:

- Wednesday 6 March, 09:30 11:00
- Thursday 7 March, 09:30 11:00
- Tuesday 19 March, 13:30 15:00
- Wednesday 20 March, 13:30 15:00
- Tuesday 16 April, 19:00 20:30
- Thursday 18 April, 19:00 20:30

To register please visit: <u>Registration Form – Partnership Agreement</u> <u>Webinars</u>

# Update on new CQC provider portal

The new CQC portal is due to launch on 11 March. From 11 March if you have a role registered with CQC you can use your email address associated with your CQC registration to create an account on the <u>new</u> <u>portal</u>.

CQC have suggested that practices take the actions below:

- Make sure all the <u>contact details</u> CQC holds for your organisation are correct (you'll need to sign up to the new portal using an email address we have on record).
- Watch the introduction to the new provider portal.

Find out more about the provider portal <u>here</u>.

# Primary Care Registration Management system pilot For practices in North Yorkshire

NHS England will be implementing a new national IT system, Primary Care Registration Management (PCRM), in early 2024 to replace the current National Health Application and Infrastructure Services (NHAIS) system, also known as 'Exeter.'

Practices in the North Yorkshire area of the NHS Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board are taking part in a small-scale extension to the current pilot.

Please look out for an email about this from PCSE.

There's more information on the <u>NHS England website</u>.



# **YORLMC news**

# **Contacting YORLMC**

Please get in touch with YORLMC if there are any matters with which we can help. Our general email address is <u>info@yorlmcltd.co.uk</u>. Please remember that queries sent through to the Corporate Affairs Team should not contain any patient identifiable information and should be redacted before sharing.

# Jobs page

YORLMC has a job page on our website at <u>https://www.yorlmcltd.co.uk/</u> jobs. Please visit this page to view current vacancies and details of GPs seeking work. 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 email info@yorlmcltd.co.uk



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