

**North Yorkshire Branch Report  
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**Message from John Crompton, Chair, North Yorkshire Branch, YORLMC Ltd**



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@yorlmcld.co.uk](mailto:info@yorlmcld.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.

**YORLMC Corporate Affairs Team - Contact Changes**

Please note that our Committee Liaison Officers (CLOs) have changed their areas of responsibility as follows:

- Simon Berriman is administering the North Yorkshire Branch, Liaison and Alliance of Federations - [simon.berriman@yorlmcld.co.uk](mailto:simon.berriman@yorlmcld.co.uk)
- Stacey Fielding is now administering the 4 North Yorkshire Divisions – [stacey.fielding@yorlmcld.co.uk](mailto:stacey.fielding@yorlmcld.co.uk)

Simon and Stacey are therefore the first point of contact for all North Yorkshire & York related matters.

Kate Mackenzie is now administering the work of the Bradford & Airedale Branch of YORLMC Ltd.

**Change of practice email addresses**

YORLMC is aware that many practices are currently changing the email addresses of their GPs and practice staff. Please keep YORLMC informed of changes on [info@yorlmcld.co.uk](mailto:info@yorlmcld.co.uk)

**YORLMC Branch and Division Meeting Agendas – Contributions from GPs and Practice Managers**

GPs and Practice Managers are reminded that their suggestions for items for inclusion on Branch and Division agendas are welcomed.

Meetings of the North Yorkshire Branch of YORLMC focus on issues affecting the North Yorkshire & York area as a whole. There are also four Divisions of YORLMC Ltd which correspond to the four North Yorkshire CCG areas. Division meetings focus on more localised discussion and, as co-commissioning gets underway, will become increasingly significant.

Agendas are circulated to Committee Members one week prior to meetings, following agenda planning sessions involving YORLMC Officers and YORLMC's Corporate Affairs team. Branches and

Divisions meet bimonthly in alternate months and you can check the dates of forthcoming meetings [here](#).

We very much hope you will contribute to this process – your suggested items can be forwarded to the Corporate Affairs Team as follows: [info@yorkmcltd.co.uk](mailto:info@yorkmcltd.co.uk)

### **Alliance of North Yorkshire General Practice Federations Listserver**

By way of reminder, please note that a listserver email facility has been set up to facilitate communication/sharing of documents relevant to Practice Federations. This listserver will be open to GPs and Practice Managers to join – please email [info@yorkmcltd.co.uk](mailto:info@yorkmcltd.co.uk) to request an invitation to join.

If a listserver user changes their email address or wishes to use a different address for the listserver they will need to email [info@yorkmcltd.co.uk](mailto:info@yorkmcltd.co.uk) to request a new invitation.

*The following are updates on issues which YORLMC considers are of importance to practices and GPs:*

### **NORTH YORKSHIRE LMC ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS TO THE NY BRANCH OF YORLMC LTD 2016**

YORLMC is taking the lead in securing the future of general practice across North Yorkshire and is the link between local GPs and their national negotiating body, the General Practitioners Committee (GPC).

The following advantages of being elected to the Committee have been highlighted by current Members:-

- greater understanding of the political arena in which NHS general practice is placed
- assists development at all stages of a career in general practice
- enhances existing clinical and practice management skills and helps to develop communication and negotiation skills, diplomacy and accountability
- provides opportunities to work with other agencies at local and national level and to develop relationships with key individuals within those organisations
- the ability to influence initiatives affecting the livelihood of practices and the working lives of colleagues
- Members' own practices benefit from the knowledge membership brings which aids business planning
- provides the opportunity to meet with GP colleagues working across the wider Yorkshire and Humber region
- Salaried GP representatives have commented specifically that involvement with the Committee allows them to raise awareness of issues affecting sessional GPs, provides up to the minute information about key issues in the area, particularly relating to the Acute Trusts, CCGs, NHS England and the Local Authorities, and the opportunity to meet with GP Principals in the area. They have also noted that membership has highlighted that the Committee is not just a talking shop

If you would like to be part of this work please consider putting yourself forward – in the seats below. Information and nomination forms relating to the above were circulated by email to GPs and Practice Managers on 28 January. Nomination forms need to be returned to the Returning Officer by 1700 on Monday 15 February 2016.

### **Locality**

Hambleton, Richmondshire & Whitby (4 seats) – term of office 4 years

York & Selby (11 seats) – term of office 4 years

Scarborough & Ryedale (2 vacant seats) – term of office until March 2018

### **Districtwide**

GP Registrar (1 seat) – term of office up to 2 years

Districtwide GP who received a CCT<sup>1</sup> or CEGPR<sup>2</sup> within the previous 5 years – term of office 4 years

### **Special LMC Conference – 30 January 2016**

This special conference has been called in response to the urgent pressures currently facing the general practice profession. Further information is available [on the BMA website](#).

Aaron Brown, John Crompton, Caroline Lewis, Brian McGregor and Duncan Rogers will be representing the North Yorkshire Branch of YORLMC and they will take every opportunity to contribute to debate.

Four motions submitted by the North Yorkshire Branch of YORLMC Ltd have been included on the agenda for the Special Conference:

[11w] North Yorkshire: That conference believes that in order to reverse the unsustainable workload pressures in general practice, the link between austerity and both poorer health outcomes and increased health seeking behaviours must be acknowledged and tackled through a range of measures, especially increased funding for primary care services.

[13r] North Yorkshire: That conference believes that CQC needs to be reviewed for its purpose, its competence and its cost-effectiveness on identifying practices, which may cause a potential risk to the public.

[A34] North Yorkshire: That conference believes, that further work on a non-evidence based seven day a week General Practice model needs to be stopped before the end of 2016, before it continues to disengage clinicians, confuse the public and waste resources.

[170] North Yorkshire: That conference believes, that forcing the formation of large-sized practices through increasing political and financial pressure could be counter-productive to achieving or maintaining safe and sustainable General Practice as needed by the public.

### **Pharmacists delivering flu vaccines**

YORLMC has queried potentially low levels of confirmations that practices are receiving where patients have had their flu vaccines at a pharmacy. If any practice is concerned about this they should email [wendy.watson1@nhs.net](mailto:wendy.watson1@nhs.net)

Where there is a significant discrepancy then the Public Health team will be able to support the practices in following this up with CPNY and the relevant pharmacies.

### **Extended Hours arrangements for 2016/17**

The three NHS England regional teams in Yorkshire and The Humber have discussed how they deal with enhanced services. For Extended Hours, NHSE acknowledged that a consistent and achievable process needed to be agreed and developed across Yorkshire and the Humber which focused on both the financial validation, and support to general practice in the provision of routine appointments outside of normal core hours. NHSE looked at the options and then provided LMCs across Yorkshire and The Humber with an opportunity to comment on their proposal.

NHSE (Yorkshire and the Humber) has now advised that the following has been agreed to be put in place across Yorkshire and the Humber with effect from April 2016.

1. As part of the ES sign up process, all practices will be asked to refresh and submit their proposal for offering extended hours. This will either be electronically via the portal or via a spreadsheet. This will then be checked and any queries raised with practices.
2. Practice will be asked to submit monitoring information, again either via a spreadsheet or the portal system for one quarter and be notified by NHS England what period this will relate to. Therefore, practices need to ensure that they are able to collate and provide information for any given period of extended hours during 2016/17.
3. All practices will be expected to reprovide any extended hours that fall on a bank holiday period and confirm these arrangements to NHS England.
4. Any changes to extended hours will need to be arranged with NHS England prior to the period in question.

In advance of the Easter Bank Holiday weekend, practices are reminded that should they wish to make changes to extended hours access arrangements they are required under the terms of the DES to provide written notice within 28 days of the proposed change. For HaRD, Vale of York and Scarborough & Ryedale practices, written notification should be sent to the respective CCG; but Hambleton, Richmondshire & Whitby practices should send written notification to NHSE.

### **DEPRIVATION OF LIBERTY SAFEGUARDS (DoLS)**

YORLMC has become aware that nursing homes are not always following the guidance of the Chief Coroner with reference to DoLS and death certificates.

For clarity, GPs are reminded that in the event a person in the care of a hospital or a care home should die whilst subject to a DoLS authorisation, the care home or hospital as the managing authority is responsible for notifying the Coroner of the death and should ensure they know how to contact the relevant Coroner's office. Until the Coroner has made a decision on whether to undertake a further investigation, a doctor should not issue a medical certificate of cause of death.

### **YorTender**

YORLMC would like to remind practices that local authority contracts that are out to tender will be advertised via the YorTender website <https://www.yortender.co.uk>

Registration is free and will allow you to become aware when new services become eligible for tender

### **Message from Julianne Haigh**

#### **Practice Manager Representative, North Yorkshire Branch, YORLMC**

Just a reminder that I am the Practice Manager Representative co-opted to the North Yorkshire Branch of YORLMC. My co-option to YORLMC has been made with the intention of providing practices with an additional resource and acting as a link with practice manager colleagues. I attend Branch meetings and also liaison meetings with CCG leads and representatives of the Area Team so if you feel there are issues/themes emerging that would benefit from being highlighted at these meetings please let me know so I can ensure these can be considered for inclusion on meeting agendas. The easiest way to contact me is by email – [julianne.haigh@nhs.net](mailto:julianne.haigh@nhs.net). When emailing it would be helpful if you could also copy your email to the Corporate Affairs Team - [simon.berriman@yorlmcld.co.uk](mailto:simon.berriman@yorlmcld.co.uk)

### **Pharmacy applications**

The following application has been approved by NHS England:

- Application offering unforeseen benefits DAY LEWIS PLC – Address secured Whitby - 9 Mount Farm Close, East Whitby, YO22 4HJ

This Bulletin is based on the best available information.  
We will endeavour to ensure you are kept informed of any changes.

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