

Bradford & Airedale Branch Report
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Message from Mark Brooke, Chair, Bradford & Airedale Branch, YORLMC Ltd
In order to further meet the challenges of the ever changing NHS Landscape, a new YORLMC Division structure which is designed to complement, strengthen and operate alongside YORLMC's existing Districtwide meeting arrangements has now been established.

All GPs and Practice Managers are invited and encouraged to be involved with these new Divisions, by attending a meeting or suggesting agenda items for discussion. These meetings provide a forum to progress matters that are pertinent to GPs and practice managers working in individual localities. Dates of future

meetings are available on the [YORLMC website](http://www.yorlmc.co.uk).

YORLMC's 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 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:

- **Kate Mackenzie is now the first point of contact for all Bradford, Airedale, Wharfedale & Craven matters. Kate's email address is kate.mackenzie@yorlmc.co.uk**

Simon Berriman is now administering the North Yorkshire Branch, Liaison and Alliance of Federations and Stacey Fielding is now administering the 4 North Yorkshire Divisions.

YORLMC Branch meeting agendas – contributions from GPs and Practice Managers

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

Meetings of the Bradford & Airedale Branch of YORLMC focus on issues affecting the Bradford, Airedale, Wharfedale & Craven area as a whole. Agendas are circulated to Committee Members one week prior to meetings, following agenda planning sessions involving YORLMC Officers and YORLMC's Corporate Affairs Team. The Branch meets 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 - info@yorlmc.co.uk.

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

Denosumab – Bradford City and Districts

Following negotiations between YORLMC BA Branch Officers and Bradford City and Districts CCGs a £130 year of care tariff has been agreed for Denosumab.

Entitlement to payments for covering ordinary or additional maternity, paternity and ordinary or additional adoption leave

As advised in the previous edition, YORLMC wrote to NHSE to request confirmation that payments made to BAWC practices in relation to Maternity, Paternity and Adoption prior to April 2015 were reimbursed in line with the policy of the former NHSE BA. NHSE response is still awaited and we will update practices as soon as possible. In the meantime the entry included in the previous edition is pasted below by way of reminder.

Entitlement to payments for covering ordinary or additional maternity, paternity and ordinary or additional adoption leave

Practices will be aware that changes were made to the GP contract for 2015/16 and as a result, payments to cover maternity, paternity and adoption leave are no longer discretionary.

All practices are entitled to reimbursement of the cost of GP locum cover for maternity, paternity or adoption leave of £1,113.74 for the first two weeks and £1,734.18 thereafter (for up to 26 weeks) or the actual costs, whichever is the lower. This reimbursement will cover both external locums and cover provided by existing GPs within the practice who do not already work full time.

It has subsequently come been brought to the attention of NHSE Y&H that payments in respect of Bradford & Airedale practices should not have been pro-rated for GPs who work part time. As a result should any practice feel it has been underpaid in relation to claims submitted from April 2015 onwards it is entitled to submit a claim for retrospective payment. The NHSE team in West Yorkshire will assess each claim against the SFE and where appropriate make further payment in line with the published guidance. If any practice wishes to explore this then in the first instance they are advised to submit details to Kevin Costello:

kevin.costello@nhs.net

Prior to April 2015, payments under the Statement of Fees and Entitlements (SFE) in relation to Maternity, Paternity and Adoption were discretionary and as such each former West Yorkshire PCT adopted their own payment policies which NHSE continued to apply until April 2015.

In some areas of West Yorkshire the former PCTs had introduced a sliding scale formula of reimbursement. However, whilst the former NHSE Bradford & Airedale had initially sought to introduce a policy that included a sliding scale formula of reimbursement, this was successfully challenged by YORLMC and the former PCT agreed that claims would continue to be assessed against the relevant SFE criteria, and where eligible the amounts payable would be those stated in the SFE.

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Reconciliation of practice payments

YORLMC continues to highlight to the CCGs and NHSE the problems faced by practices as a result of delayed payments and lack of commentary and payment information.

Although SBS has stated that it does issue remittances, NHSE is aware that these are not always received by practices. As a result SBS will in future issue these to practices by email. To ensure this happens, practices are advised to share a delivery email address with Paul Foster, Finance Manager, NHSE - paul.foster1@nhs.net. Additionally, if the level of detail included on remittances is not as practices would expect they should also inform P Foster as a contract is in place between SBS and NHSE setting out the level of detailed information that practices can expect to receive.

PMS payment dates for practices

NHSE Y&H recently advised YORLMC that to fit in with the payment runs via Exeter the dates for when practices need to submit their information on the enhanced services portal will be by the 1st of the month rather than the 3rd. This will be applicable from April 2016 to fall in line with other payment deadlines for practices. This change will only affect the claims on the portal for minor surgery and the PCV/HIB Men C childhood vaccinations.

Whilst understanding NHSE's direction of travel, YORLMC took the opportunity to remind NHSE that at a time when practices are already experiencing significant financial pressures the change may cause some minor cash flow issues. There is also a practice workload implication, albeit minor, to consider in that practices will need to reset the date parameters within searches already set up.

Separate to the above, GP trainee timescales and payments will also move in line with the above.

Travel vaccines

YORLMC remains in discussions with Bradford City and Bradford Districts CCGs Prescribing Group regarding travel vaccines and medications.

Pending the outcome of those discussions, YORLMC advice remains to follow guidance on the BMA website at

<http://bma.org.uk/support-at-work/gp-practices/focus-travel-immunisation> and included below.

YORLMC will keep practices updated.

Travel immunisations that must be given as part of NHS provision through GMS Additional Services

The following immunisations for travel are part of Additional Services under GMS (see note 4) and PMS and **no fee may be charged by the contractor** to a patient registered for NHS services with that contractor:

- Hepatitis A [infectious hepatitis] - first and second/booster dose (6-12 months after first dose)⁵
- Combined hepatitis A and B – all doses
- Typhoid* - first and any booster doses (see note 6)
- Combined hepatitis A and typhoid - first dose (second dose is with Hepatitis A alone)
- Tetanus, diphtheria and polio as given in the combined Td/IPV vaccine⁶
- Cholera (see note 6)

The full list of list of travel immunisations available on the NHS is listed in Appendix 1 (based on Annex BA of the Statement of Financial Entitlements published 30 April 2012 2).

Occupational Health

Whilst it may well be at a point in the future that practices will need to fund occupational health cover for practice staff (this remains NHSE's focus despite resistance from GPC), NHSE Y&H has confirmed to YORLMC that it will continue to roll forward the existing OH schemes that exist within

the various Y&H localities for the time being. It remains YORLMC's understanding that this will be until such time as the national spec for OH provision is issued.

Contact details for the occupational health service which is based at Airedale General Hospital are:

- phone: 01535 294401
- email: employeehealth@anhst.nhs.net

Bradford, Airedale, Wharfedale & Craven practices should therefore continue to access the service as normal. Whilst there should be no disruption in accessing these services, please let the Corporate Affairs Team (info@yorlmcld.co.uk) know if any problems are encountered.

Consultant to consultant referrals – Bradford City and Districts

With regard to consultant to consultant referrals, Bradford City and Districts CCGs have advised that BTHNHSFT has an access policy within the contract agreed with the CCGs which states that consultants are required to refer back to general practice for an onward referral should the reason for referral be an unrelated condition/issue.

Notwithstanding this, practice feedback suggests that some consultants are continuing to refer back to the GP where the referral is a related condition. Practices are therefore encouraged to report examples via the RAP button as this will enable the CCGs to identify patterns and will ultimately inform CCG discussion with the Trust

Concessionary Fares Scheme: Disabled Persons Travel Permit

In cases where City of Bradford MDC feels that it requires factual information from the applicant's GP to support an application for a disabled persons travel permit, it is the Council's responsibility to seek consent from the applicant and make direct contact with the appropriate GP to seek the information. The Council is aware that the GP is also entitled to charge the Council a fee for providing any factual information that is requested. YORLMC has however reminded City of Bradford MDC that it is inappropriate for the Council to expect an applicant to request information from their GP themselves. The same principle will apply where the Council is requesting information in support of housing applications and other similar services.

Pharmacy Applications

The following application has been approved:

- Change of ownership application for Clarick Pharmacy at 149 Newline Green gates Bradford BD10 0BU by Excel (GB) Ltd

The following application has been refused:

- Application by HKK Consultancy Services Ltd for inclusion in the pharmaceutical list at 33a Victoria Road Keighley BD21 1HD in respect of a distance selling pharmacy

**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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