

**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 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
- Stacey Fielding is now administering the 4 North Yorkshire Divisions – 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

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

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 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 to request a new invitation.

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

Methotrexate Injections and Sharps Bins Disposal

YORLMC is aware Scarborough and Ryedale practices were affected by a change in prescribing responsibility for Methotrexate injections, from YTHFT to Primary Care. Some practices reported patients being advised by YTHFT to return their sharps bins to their practices for disposal. YORLMC has worked with the SR CCG Medicines Management team to reach a solution which will see Scarborough and Ryedale District Councils collecting sharps bins from patients' homes for disposal. If practices in other areas experience patients being advised to take their sharps bins to their practices for disposal, they are encouraged to contact the YORLMC's Corporate Affairs Team for advice.

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 Nicola Cornforth - nicola.cornforth@nhs.net Additionally, if the level of detail included on remittances is not as practices would expect they should also inform P Foster (paul.foster1@nhs.net) 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.

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.

North Yorkshire & York 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.

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 across North Yorkshire and York 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. When emailing it would be helpful if you could also copy your email to the Corporate Affairs Team - simon.berriman@yorlmcld.co.uk

Pharmacy applications

The following applications have been approved by NHS England:

- Application offering unforeseen benefits DAY LEWIS PLC – Address secured Whitby - 9 Mount Farm Close, East Whitby, YO22 4HJ
- No significant change relocation - Toshel Limited, 65-67 Sycamore Road, Barlby to the Old Post Office, York Road, Barlby

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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