

Bradford & Airedale Branch Report
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Message from Mark Brooke, Chair, Bradford & Airedale Branch, YORLMC Ltd

One of the most difficult roles for an LMC is adequately representing the views of all the GPs in the area it serves. There are of course a multitude of views from GPs about all the issues affecting them and these views need to be adequately expressed and considered by the various organisations taking decisions that affect General Practice. We are in a period where the need for change in the way we work is being strongly voiced by the government, NHSE and CCGs. Some GPs will welcome that opportunity to change, some will not. GPs as a group tend to be quite accepting of the requirements made upon them and are, perhaps, more likely to give their opinions to each other rather than to these organisations.

YORLMC wishes to be as effective as possible in ensuring all these views and opinions are heard and I would urge you to let YORLMC board members know your opinions via the Corporate Affairs Team on kate.mackenzie@yormcltd.co.uk Details of YORLMC Members, including Board Members (Directors) are available on the [YORLMC website](#). Please do also consider coming along to the bi-monthly Division meetings in your area (meeting dates are available [here](#)) to take part in discussions there.

Included within this Branch Report are further updates for your information - YORLMC's website also includes a frequent queries section.

Contact details – YORLMC's 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@yormcltd.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.

- Kate Mackenzie administers the Bradford & Airedale Branch (Kate.Mackenzie@yormcltd.co.uk) and is therefore the first point of contact for all Bradford, Airedale, Wharfedale and Craven related matters.

YORLMC Branch and Division Meeting Agendas:

Contributions are welcomed 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 Bradford & Airedale Branch of YORLMC focus on issues affecting the Bradford, Airedale, Wharfedale & Craven area as a whole. There are also three Divisions of YORLMC Ltd which correspond to the three CCG areas. Division meetings focus on more localised discussion and, as co-commissioning gathers momentum, are becoming 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@yorlmcld.co.uk

City Locality vacancy and Districtwide GPR (Airedale) vacancy – election results

Following a request for expressions of interest, Dr Safina Haque has been elected unopposed to the vacant City Locality seat on the Bradford and Airedale Branch of YORLMC Ltd.

Three candidates were nominated for the vacancy Districtwide GPR (Airedale) seat and, following an election, Dr Rohael Iftakhar was elected.

For details of the full Branch membership, please see <http://www.yorlmcld.co.uk/about-us/bradford-airedale-branch/>

NHSE Standard Contract 2015/16

YORLMC officers meet regularly with B Gill, Medical Director, BTHT, and also with Karl Mainprize, Medical Director, AGHFT and highlight examples of inappropriate secondary to primary care shift including breaches of the NHSE Standard Contract 2015/16. GPs and practices in Bradford City and Bradford Districts can also highlight these to their CCG via the RAP button on their CCG website. Practices in AWC can highlight breaches via the CCG contracting email address.

The new template letter for breaches to standard hospital contract in England are available on the [YORLMC website](#)

Please also see the entry in the [September edition](#) of the YORLMC newsletter

GP Practice Christmas and New Year opening hours

With regard to GP Practice Christmas and New Year opening hours, the only requirement is that practices must provide essential services plus any additional or enhanced services they have agreed to and essential services are to be delivered in a way decided by the practice.

Practices do not have to be open during core hours but responsibility and availability does rest with the practice so some provision must be made and although accepting that there are some challenges for small or rural practices, YORLMC's view is that it is reasonable to expect practices to be open during core hours.

YORLMC would expect the main surgery to be open during the majority of core hours of 08.00 to 18.30 but this would not be necessary for the branch surgeries.

The GPC guidance from previous years is still available here and should be read in conjunction with the letter that NHSE is expected to circulate shortly.

<http://bma.org.uk/support-at-work/gp-practices/service-provision/gp-services-during-holiday-period>

The CQC has also issued a mythbuster on opening hours that is worth reading:

<http://www.cqc.org.uk/content/nigels-surgery-55-opening-hours>

Christmas and New Year implications for Extended Hours

Practices are reminded that NHS Employers extended hours directed enhanced service guidance includes the following:

NHS England consideration of practice proposals

NHS England is obliged to consider any proposals for the arrangements of extended hours access put forward by a practice in accordance with the time limits and exceptions explained under the 'Offer of extended hours access under this DES and time limits' section. This consideration should not be delayed unreasonably, nor should NHS England agree to such proposals be unreasonably withheld. In making the decision, consideration should be given to local circumstances such as patient preferences and relevant guidance (see requirements below).

Consideration does not have to be given, nor do decisions have to be made where:

1. the practice has not submitted a written proposal within 28 days of the NHS England offer to enter into an arrangement under the 2013 DES Directions; or
2. the practice has not provided any information requested by NHS England in order to make a decision as to whether the proposal to enter into arrangements under the 2013 DES Directions meets its requirements (see requirements under 2013 DES Directions section).

The full guidance is available at <http://www.nhsemployers.org/case-studies-and-resources/2013/05/201314-extended-hours-directed-enhanced-service-guidance>

Practices that should they wish to make changes to extended hours access arrangements over the Christmas and New Year period they are required under the terms of the DES to provide NHSE with written notice within 28 days of the proposed change.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with the Corporate Affairs Team if you have any questions or concerns.

Patient Group Directions (PGDs)

Further to the article in the [July-August edition](#) of the BA Branch Report, NHSE has now issued an updated inactivated flu PGD.

Updated PGDs have been uploaded to the NHS Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group PGD page <http://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk/rss/index.php?id=patient-group-direction>

Hepatitis B Vaccination for Babies

Practices received a communication from NHSE on 1 September clarifying that the Hepatitis B vaccination for babies forms part of the vaccs and imms Additional Service (rather than being a separate Enhanced Service, as previous communications had suggested). Practices should be aware that they therefore cannot opt out of providing the Hepatitis B vaccination for babies without opting out of the vaccs and imms Additional Service as a whole.

YORLMC is in ongoing discussions with NHSE as to a pathway or protocol to ensure practices can identify which babies need this vaccination.

Flu vaccinations - practice employed staff

YORLMC sought to develop a system whereby practices could vaccinate their own staff and in addition to recouping the cost of the vaccine they could also be able to claim an item of service fee to cover the associated work. It has however been established that GP practices are not eligible to claim the administration fee for vaccinating their staff as their employer although they can still be reimbursed the PPA/vaccine costs. Following queries from GP practices in relation to governance/assurance arrangements when vaccinating staff, NHSE has developed a staff consent form - a copy of which is available at [Appendix 1](#).

Avoiding Unplanned Admissions Enhanced Service 2015/16

NHSE has advised that, taking into account the issues practices faced over the course of 15/16 it has been agreed on a national level to reduce the level of claw backs from the original spec (please see

[Appendix 2](#), pages 28 and 29). NHSE has advised that where scenarios B, D and F apply the level of claw back will be 20% instead of 40%. Where scenario E applies there will be no claw back and where scenario G applies the practice will not need to demonstrate they have delivered the ES to a minimum 25 % of their register, the claw back will be a straight 21% across the board.

NHSE will now contact the practices from whom NHSE is intending to claw back funds.

If any practices have any concerns regarding this please contact the YORLMC Corporate Affairs Team via kate.mackenzie@yorlmltd.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.

**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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