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Message from Dougy Moederle-Lumb, Chief Executive, YORLMC Ltd



YORLMC Conference - 17 October

I am pleased to announce that the agenda for the YORLMC Conference being held on 17 October 2017 is now available at [Appendix 1](#). The event features a number of high profile speakers & key highlights include:

- Future Proofing General Practice – New Models of Care—Dr Nigel Watson, Chief Executive, Wessex LMCs
- Mergers & Takeovers—Shanee Baker, Director, LMC Law Ltd
- Our Health Partnership—Dr Vish Ratnasuriya, GP Partner and OHP Chair, Dr Will Taylor GP Partner and OHP Board Member
- Social Prescribing—Sir Sam Everington, Chair, NHS Tower Hamlets CCG
- Influential Leadership – in an hour! - Professor Mike Ferguson, Developing Professionals International Ltd
- The Changing Shape of the GP Workforce—Dr Mark Purvis, Health Education England
- NHS GP Health Service— Dr Zoe Neill, Clinical Lead (Yorkshire & Humber, NHS GP Health Service
- *The Art of Being Brilliant—Andy Cope, Professional Trainer, Art of Brilliance*

We received extremely positive feedback from the recently held YORLMC locality roadshows so please do book your place at <https://www.yorlmc Ltd.co.uk/events/3360>. This full day Conference is designed to help GPs and practice teams navigate the changing landscape of general practice by providing practical information and advice on new models of care, future proofing general practice, working within the changing shape of the GP workforce, social prescribing and more. While we recognise this is a serious challenge for practices, our aim is that the day will be informative, inspirational, interactive and entertaining.

Focus on locum cover for parental and sickness leave

As part of the GP contract negotiations for 2017/18, the BMA GPs committee (GPC) England has reached agreement with NHS Employers on changes to sickness cover reimbursement for GPs. Please be aware that GPC guidance has been published that reminds practices that they need to be aware that if they hold **locum insurance to cover any absence within practice** that the current maximum weekly payment may not fully cover the cost of a locum and the amount of time they are needed to work in the practice, particularly if they are replacing a full-time GP. For this reason the GPC and YORLMC recommends that practices review their current cover and consider maintaining a level that will allow them to top up the national payments based upon their individual and local circumstances.

<https://www.bma.org.uk/advice/employment/contracts/general-practice-funding/focus-on-locum-cover-for-parental-and-sickness-leave>

GPC guidance to assist with ongoing Capita issues

The GPC has been meeting with NHS England and Capita to highlight the ongoing issues, and some progress has been made following lobbying. However, services still fall short of what is acceptable and there is still an urgent need to resolve these issues in order to give practices and locum GPs confidence in the service. The GPC and YORLMC believe practices and individuals that have suffered losses as a result of these issues should be compensated. In recognition of the additional administrative burden on practices, a goodwill payment of £250 per practice is being made by NHS England and this should be paid to practices by 30 June 2017. This payment should not prohibit those who have suffered a demonstrable loss from being recompensed. Practices or individuals who can provide evidence of the financial loss they have incurred as a result of Capita's failures can contact NHS England to make a claim.

The GPC has produced a PCSE claims guidance – available on line [here](#)

The GPC has also updated its guidance “Bringing a claim to the small claims court” and this can be accessed [here](#)

Service charges - NHS property services questionnaire

GPC are aware of ongoing issues that practices in NHS Property Services and Community Health Partnerships premises are experiencing with regards to service charges. This is an issue that GPC know is of utmost importance to those practices' **occupying NHSPS or CHP owned premises** and is therefore of utmost importance to the BMA. While GPC hope to reach a negotiated agreement on these issues, GPC are considering all options to ensure this issue is addressed swiftly and the resolution is fair and reasonable for practices.

Please find attached at Appendices [2](#) & [3](#) a letter and questionnaire to practices in **NHS PS premises**, and at Appendices [4](#) & [5](#) a letter and questionnaire to practices in **CHP premises**. The BMA are aware of the destabilising effect the issue of service charges is causing to many practices. Through the questionnaire we are looking for information from practices on the issues, and GPC would appreciate if affected practices could fill out the attached questionnaire, and return it by 23 June 2017.

Men ACWY April 2017 GPES collection

YORLMC understands that there was a problem with TPP and Microtech data collection linked to the April MenACWY vaccination programme and as a result there was no data returned for the practices supported by those providers.

Some work has been done and Microtech has managed to retrieve the situation but unfortunately there is insufficient time for TPP to re-run the collection and allow calculation and payment.

As this is a relatively low activity service at this time of year, NHSE have instructed NHS Digital to complete the data collection for the systems that have worked ok. For TPP NHSE will give practices 2 options.

- Practices will be offered the opportunity to complete a manual return and calculation and payment will proceed from that. This will allow them to be paid in June as expected.
- Alternatively, practices can choose to wait until the June data collection and NHS Digital will collect all activity that has been delivered in April and May. This will mean they the paid in July but does mean they do not have to undertake any additional work.

NHS Digital has issued the standard failsafe communications to put the process on hold until further advice is issued. Practices should have received further communication on this.

Guidance - last partner standing & handing back GMS/PMS contract

The BMA have published [guidance on Last partner standing](#) and on [Handing back your GMS/PMS contract](#)

LMC conference resolutions and election results - May 2017

The LMC conference 2017 took place in Edinburgh on Thursday 18 and Friday 19 May 2017. The annual two-day Local Medical Committees (LMCs) conference is an opportunity for representatives to create policy for future General Practitioners Committee (GPC) and BMA action for the following year.

Please see the below link for the conference resolutions, election results and motions lost. This also includes motions from the themed debates.

<https://www.bma.org.uk/-/media/files/pdfs/collective%20voice/committees/gpc/resolutions-passed-lmc-conference-may-2017.pdf?la=en>

Spirometry Accreditation

You may be aware that NHSE and the CQC have recognised the Association for Respiratory Technology and Physiology (ARTP) as an accreditation provider for clinicians that perform and/or interpret spirometry. In April 2017 the ARTP launched a National Register for certified spirometry professionals and operators. The CQC expects practices to be able to demonstrate that all staff who perform spirometry tests or interpret results are competent, and advise that being on the National Register demonstrates competency. There are significant time and cost implications for clinicians to become registered with the ARTP.

YORLMC understands that many practices feel that providing spirometry services will become financially unviable should they be required to meet these additional training and registration costs. We would like to remind practices that they are not under any contractual obligation to provide spirometry services. Practitioners are not required to register with the ARTP until 2021 and so in the meantime YORLMC would encourage practices not to rush into registering their spirometry clinicians, but to wait and see whether any assistance to support the accreditation costs is forthcoming.

Actions to be taken following introduction of 2017/18 GMS Contract

Attached at [appendix 6](#) is a briefing note from BMA on the actions to be taken by practices following the introduction of the 2017/18 GMS contract.

Changes within practice teams

To help YORLMC's Corporate Affairs Team keep track of changes within practice teams will Practice Managers please advise

info@yorlmc Ltd.co.uk when GPs join or leave the practice and when there is to be a change of Practice Manager

NHS England standard hospital contract guidance 2017 2019

The [2017/18 NHS standard contract](#) for secondary care trusts came into force on 1 April 2017. A number of changes to the contract have been made and the changes affecting the interface between primary and secondary care are set out at <https://www.bma.org.uk/-/media/files/pdfs/employment%20advice/gp%20practices/template%20letters/changes-affecting-the-interface-between-provider-and-gp-17-19.pdf?la=en>. These are in addition to the requirements that were highlighted in the [16-17 standard hospital contract](#).

Breach reports should be sent to:

- Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust to Dr Ros Tolcher, Chief Executive at ros.tolcher@hdfnhs.uk
- York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust to Dr Patrick Crowley, Chief Executive at patrick.crowley@yorknhs.uk and Sue Rushbrook, Director of Systems and Networks at sue.rushbrook@yorknhs.uk
- South Tees Hospital NHS Foundation Trust to commissioninginfo@nhs.net and cc: shirleymoses@nhs.net
- Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust breach reports should be sent to the following Directors of Operations:
 - ⇒ Adele Coulthard at adele.coulthard@nhs.net – Hambleton, Richmondshire & Whitby CCG, Scarborough & Ryedale CCG and Harrogate and Rural District CCG area
 - ⇒ Ruth Hill at ruth.hill6@nhs.net - Vale of York CCG area
- Bradford Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust to Donna Thompson, Director of Governance and Operations, at donna.thompson@bthft.nhs.uk
- Airedale NHS Trust breach reports to Dr Karl Mainprize, Medical Director, at karl.mainprize@anhst.nhs.uk

Please do use the relevant template at each instance of a breach - failing to do so will simply legitimise continuation of inappropriate workload shift onto practices.

The BMA have updated the breach template letters which are available at:

<https://www.bma.org.uk/collective-voice/committees/general-practitioners-committee/gpc-current-issues/nhs-england-standard-hospital-contract-guidance-2017-2019>

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The Cameron Fund—Spring Newsletter

Attached at [Appendix 7](#) is the Cameron Fund Spring 2017 newsletter.



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The GPs' own charity

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BMA House, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JP, Registered Charity No. 261993 The Cameron Fund is the medical benevolent charity that provides support solely to GPs in the UK. It provides grants and loans to assist doctors and their families experiencing financial difficulties due to short or long-term illness, relationship breakdown or hardship following the actions of regulatory bodies or former partners. An increasing number of requests are being received for assistance from GPs during re-training. Interest-free loans may be available towards the expenses encountered during a return to professional work.

Anyone who knows of someone experiencing hardship is urged to draw attention to the Cameron Fund's existence.

You do not need to be a member of the [Cameron Fund](#) to benefit from this charity but please consider becoming a member – it is free to join and the membership form can be downloaded <http://www.cameronfund.org.uk/sites/default/files/MembershipApplicationForm.pdf> and returned by email to info@cameronfund.org.uk General contact details are:

Phone: 020 7388 0796

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Our website is www.danbysurgery.nhs.uk .

YORLMC Buying Group & 'Buying Group Plus' for Federations and Provider Companies

YORLMC has been a member of the LMC Buying Groups Federation since 2010. This means that all practices are eligible to access the discounts the Buying Group has negotiated on a wide range of products and services.

If you're not sure if your practice is a member of the Buying Group you can call them on 0115 979 6910, email info@lmcbuyinggroups.co.uk or put your practice code into their website: <http://www.lmcbuyinggroups.co.uk/members/> find out. If your practice isn't a member, you can contact them directly to sign up.

If you're not sure what the Buying Group is all about then this short video explains what they do: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tfQ6eE7qdV8>

By registering with the Buying Group's website: www.lmcbuyinggroups.co.uk/members/ you can view all the suppliers' pricing, contact details and request quotes. The Buying Group also offers any member practice a free cost analysis which demonstrates how much money your practice could save just by swapping to buying group suppliers.

And if your practice is part of a GP Federation group then the Buying Group Plus initiative could help you save additional money as a group. This short video explains what Buying Group Plus does: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BXpQmb7pVUo>.

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