

# Bradford & Airedale Branch Report

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

Mid-May saw the LMC Conference in Edinburgh attended by delegates from around the UK; you might have read some reports from the conference in the medical press. Four reps from Bradford and Airedale LMC were in attendance and played an active part (I attended alongside [Nick Clarke](#), [Steve Patterson](#) and [Charles Strachan](#)).

This is the final time that a full UK two-day conference will be held as from now on the four home nations will have their own individual conferences. The reasons for this were clear when we listened to the various reports from firstly Northern Ireland - the near collapse of General Practice, Scotland - enthusiasm for a new contract based around workload changes, and Wales - struggling for finance. There is truly no longer a UK NHS.

Themed debates around six important issues encouraged contributions to developing motions to be debated at the conference: I attended a debate on contractual status, along with other GP partners, salaried GPs and Locums who were all able to have their say. The debate was introduced by the GPC sessional GP committee Chair and resulted in the following agreed motion that was put to the whole conference and carried on the vote:-

*That conference asserts that the independent contractor status must be the basic model for general practice, and instructs the GPC to:*

- (i) ensure that all employment options are accessible to all GPs*
- (ii) develop a framework that would limit financial and employment risk for contractors*
- (iii) ensure that the contractors are incentivized and rewarded for making a commitment to the community*
- (iv) develop safe guards to prevent exploitation of different profession groups.*



***YORLMC - representing all GPs and their practices in:***

- **Bradford, Airedale, Wharfedale and Craven**
- **North Yorkshire and the City of York**

**Providing:**

- ◆ Support
- ◆ Advice
- ◆ Pastoral Care
- ◆ YORLMC Law
- ◆ Training
- ◆ Events
- ◆ YORLMC News
- ◆ YORLMC Buying Group
- ◆ Regular updates

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## 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@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.

Neil Bostock and Kate Mackenzie are the first points of contact for all Bradford, Airedale, Wharfedale and Craven related matters.

Neil and Kate can be contacted on [neil.bostock@yorlmcld.co.uk](mailto:neil.bostock@yorlmcld.co.uk) and [Kate.Mackenzie@yorlmcld.co.uk](mailto:Kate.Mackenzie@yorlmcld.co.uk)

## YORLMC Division Meetings - GPs and Practice Managers invited to attend

GPs and Practice Managers are reminded that they are invited - and encouraged - to attend their local YORLMC Division meetings.

The Division meetings provide the opportunity for closer working at individual locality level with senior representatives from the local CCG and provide a forum to progress matters that are pertinent to individual localities.

Divisions meet bimonthly and you can check the dates of forthcoming meetings [here](#). If you intending to come to a meeting, please let the Corporate Affairs Team know via [neil.bostock@yorlmcld.co.uk](mailto:neil.bostock@yorlmcld.co.uk)

In addition, 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. The three Divisions of YORLMC Ltd which correspond to the three CCG areas focus on more localised discussion.

Agendas are circulated to Committee Members one week prior to meetings, following agenda planning sessions involving YORLMC Officers and YORLMC's Corporate Affairs team. 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](mailto:info@yorlmcld.co.uk)

## Pharmacy applications

The following application has been approved:

- Application by Day Lewis PLC for a change of ownership at 21 & 23 Mill Hey, Haworth, Keighley, West Yorkshire, BD22 8NQ

## Contacting BTHT midwives

YORLMC officers have started a programme of regular meetings with the midwifery team at Bradford Royal Infirmary to discuss ways to improve communication between GPs and midwives.

One item discussed has been the challenges caused by GPs not having access to Medway to view midwives' records.

The midwifery team has advised that, should GPs need information from Medway, they can ring the midwife office at BRI on 01274 383320 or 383319 (office hours, Monday-Friday).

Out of hours, GPs should call the Labour ward at BRI on 01274 364515 or 01274 364514.

## Cardiac letters from Leeds Teaching Hospitals

GPs and practices may have received clinical letters from Leeds Teaching Hospitals about potential infections linked to open heart surgery.

Following this, the letter at [Appendix 1](#) has been sent to GPs by LTHT which provides guidance from Public Health England on advice for GPs on *Mycobacterium chimaera* infections associated with cardiopulmonary bypass. If you have not already received this letter direct from LTHT you may find it of use.

## 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.

### **LOOKING FOR WORK AND VACANCIES? Advertise in the YORLMC Ltd Newsletter**

*YORLMC's newsletter is circulated  
to all Bradford & Airedale and North  
Yorkshire Practices.*

*If you would like to advertise your  
availability for employment then  
please contact  
[info@yorlmcld.co.uk](mailto:info@yorlmcld.co.uk) for further  
information and advertising rates*

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## Message from Chris Brennan, Practice Manager resource, Bradford & Airedale Branch, YORLMC



Just a reminder that I am the Practice Manager resource co-opted to the Bradford & Airedale Branch of YORLMC. My role is to use my experience to inform YORLMC discussions and negotiations with a range of organisations, including CCGs, NHSE, AHNHST, BTHNHST and the Local Authority.

For clarity, my role is not to provide practice manager representation but instead is to provide a resource and expertise to the Committee by providing a practice manager perspective.

I attend Branch meetings and also liaison meetings with CCG leads, representatives of the Area Team and Bradford MDC's Public Health 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 -

[chris.brennan@bradford.nhs.uk](mailto:chris.brennan@bradford.nhs.uk). When emailing it would be helpful if you could also copy your email to Kate Mackenzie ([kate.mackenzie@yorkmcltd.co.uk](mailto:kate.mackenzie@yorkmcltd.co.uk)) at the Corporate Affairs Team

## YORLMC TRAINING - Upcoming courses

For a full list please see training courses please see <https://www.yorkmcltd.co.uk/events>

**Lunch & Learn** training packages provide a different way for practices to train their staff as it enables you, on behalf of the practice, to deliver training over a lunchtime, by giving you all the materials you need. When you purchase the Lunch and Learn package your payment will trigger access to a PowerPoint presentation and all the relevant accompanying training materials. The training packages which have been developed by Wessex LMCs are accessible [here](#). You will need to create an account and use the code **YORLMC** when you purchase in order to access the preferential rates offered to practices in Bradford, Airedale, Wharfedale, Craven, North Yorkshire & York.

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