

# Bradford & Airedale Branch Report

## Message from Mark Brooke

Chair, Bradford & Airedale Branch, YORLMC Ltd

### Flu vaccines

We are all aware that the flu' season has started with confusion following NHSE intervention into the area of GPs immunising housebound and care home patients.

YORLMC has been at pains to point out the difficulties that this intervention creates and the unintended consequences that will possibly lead to GPs ordering reduced numbers of flu' vaccinations and a potential reduction in the numbers being immunised.

Of course, GPs will do what they always do and make the flu season a success but YORLMC will continue to try to influence NHSE and PH action on immunisation.

### YORLMC conference 17 October 2017

There are just a few days to go until the YORLMC conference on 17 October 2017. This full day event is available to all Bradford & Airedale and North Yorkshire & York practices and is taking place at the Pavilions of Harrogate, Great Yorkshire Show Ground, Harrogate.

There are a few places left to attend the conference and these can be booked at <https://www.yorlmc Ltd.co.uk/events/3360> for a nominal fee of £40.

The 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, new consultation types, social prescribing and more.



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

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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 applications have been received by NHSE:

- No significant change relocation to Backstone Business Centre, Ground Floor, Saltaire Road, Shipley BD18 3HH by Medpharm Ventures Ltd
- Consolidation onto the site at 76/78 Kirkgate, Silsden, West Yorkshire, BD20 of L Rowland & Co (Retail) Ltd already at that site and L Rowland & Co (Retail) Ltd currently at 49 Kirkgate, Silsden, West Yorkshire, BD20 0AQ

# Feedback on meeting with Bradford & Airedale Local Representative Committees

YORLMC BA Branch officers meet regularly with senior figures at other local representative committees: Community Pharmacy West Yorkshire (CPWY), the Local Optometrist Committee (LOC) and the Local Dental Committee (LDC).

The most recent meeting took place on 8 September at which the following matters were discussed.

## Minor Eye Condition Service (MECS)

Bradford LOC representatives have advised YORLMC that in primary care there is no formal pathway or funding to refer minor eye conditions to community optometrists. The LOC has advised that optometrists will see these patients, but if GPs do suggest that a patient see their optometrist for a variety of minor eye conditions the LOC asks that the patient is told that this is NOT an NHS service and that the community optometrist is likely to charge a private fee for the advice.

The LOC is looking at running an audit of the reasons patients attend their community optometrist outside their normal routine eye sight test recall to build further evidence that a MECS would be beneficial.

Information from the LOC about what is inappropriate for an NHS funded sight test is available at [Appendix 1](#).

## 7-day prescriptions and Medicines Compliance Aids (MCAs)

Previously publicised guidance for GPs and pharmacists developed by the Community Pharmacy West Yorkshire (CPWY) is available on the CPWY website at <http://www.cpwyl.org/doc/344.pdf>

## Patients with asthma – process for pharmacies to refer to GPs

Information about the audit and referral to GP practices can be found here.

<http://psnc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/GP-practice-briefing-document-asthma-reviews.pdf>

# Hepatitis B

There is currently a global shortage of hepatitis B vaccine which is causing a severe impact on the UK supply. It is likely that limitations on supply of the vaccination will continue into early 2018. Concerns were raised with the GPC by some LMCs after receiving an update letter from Public Health England stating that as supplies were improving practices could make exceptional orders for high-risk patients, such as those with renal failure. However the GPC has been clear with PHE that the ability of GPs to order hepatitis B vaccine for their patients does not imply an obligation to perform the immunisation which is not included in additional services.

BMA guidance is available at <https://www.bma.org.uk/advice/employment/gp-practices/service-provision/hepatitis-b-immunisations>

## 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@yorlmcld.co.uk](mailto:kate.mackenzie@yorlmcld.co.uk)) at the Corporate Affairs Team



## 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.*

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## LTHT Pathology Direct Access Quality Management Process

Pathology CSU at Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (LTHT) have shared information about recent challenges in the Pathology CSU ([Appendix 2](#)) and a process for practices to use to raise any queries or concerns ([Appendix 3](#)).

## eMBED

YORLMC remains aware of practices' ongoing concerns in relation to eMBED and is seeking an update from BAWC CCGs regard the actions being taken to ensure eMBED fulfils its contractual requirements to General Practice.

## YORLMC Buying Group

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 including stationery and office products, printer cartridges, telecoms, insurance and uniforms.

Further information is available on the YORLMC website at <https://www.yorlmcld.co.uk/yorlmcbuyinggroup>

## YORLMC TRAINING - Upcoming courses

For a full list please see training courses please see <https://www.yorlmcld.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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