

Bradford & Airedale Branch Report

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



LMC England Conference - reporting back

The first LMC England Conference took place on 10 November. Four representatives attended from Bradford & Airedale LMC (I attended alongside [Alun Griffiths](#), [Steve Patterson](#) and [Charles Strachan](#)).

We debated the situation facing General Practice in England including new models of care, the GPFV, indemnity and Capita and also heard an excellent speech from GPC Chair Dr Richard Vautrey, in which he set out the GPC's recent successes on behalf of General Practice and its current campaigns. More information, including a video of the conference and Dr Vautrey's speech, is available on the [BMA website](#).

GPC Roadshow - 31 January 2018, 7pm-9pm

Following the conclusion of this year's contract negotiations YORLMC is coordinating the GPC's Leeds roadshow. This roadshow is a valuable opportunity for you to hear from Dr Richard Vautrey, Chair of GPC, on the 2018/19 contract changes and receive an update from Dr Zoe Norris, Chair of the GPC Sessional Subcommittee, with an opportunity to ask questions afterwards.

The event will take place at the Village Hotel and Leisure Club, 186 Otley Road, Headingley, Leeds, LS16 5PR on Wednesday 31 January 7pm to 9pm and will be open to all GPs and practice staff working in the Yorkshire & Humber region. Registration is from 6.30pm and tea and coffee will be available.

It is essential that your place is booked to ensure you do not miss this opportunity. Places can be booked via the YORLMC website at <https://www.yorlmc Ltd.co.uk/events/4783>

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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@yorkmcltd.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@yorkmcltd.co.uk and Kate.Mackenzie@yorkmcltd.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@yorkmcltd.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@yorkmcltd.co.uk

Pharmacy applications

The following applications have been granted:

- Application by Norchem Healthcare Limited for a change of ownership at Eldwick & Gilstead Health Centre, 194 Swan Avenue, Bingley, BD16 3PA
- Change of ownership application for Sharief Healthcare Ltd at 43 Coventry Street, Bradford, West Yorkshire, BD4 7HX by Al-Ghani Ltd.

Keeping PGDs up to date

Practices are reminded of the importance in having up to date copies of PGDs. Current PGDs are available at <https://www.england.nhs.uk/north/our-work/pgds/>

It is also important that these are correctly signed. More information regarding this is available via the above link. CQC is likely to check PGDs as part of an inspection.

Guidance regarding PGDs is available on the [BMA website](#) including a useful checklist for practices.

YORLMC Buying Group

YORLMC has been a member of the LMC Buying Groups Federation since 2010. This means that all constituent practices are eligible to access the discounts the Buying Group has negotiated on a wide range of products and services. The LMC Buying Group's Federation aims to provide discounted services to practices and GP federations for a wide range of goods and services that they buy regularly including stationery and office products, printer cartridges, telecoms, insurance and uniforms. These are provided by LMC Buying Group approved suppliers whose discounts have been verified as being likely to yield significant savings compared with others in the market; and who have satisfied the Buying Group due diligence checks and customer satisfaction requirements which are reviewed regularly.

If you are 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/> to find out.

If your practice isn't a member, you can contact them directly to sign up. The joining process is simple and involves completion of this application form: <https://form.jotformeu.com/70863448972368>

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: <http://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.

For practices and federations that are already members it is important that practices notify the buying group (by emailing info@yorlmc ltd.co.uk) of any changes to their contact details. It may also be helpful to include information relating to the buying group in practice induction processes.

Amber drugs payments (City & Districts)

YORLMC BA Branch Vice Chair Dr Steve Patterson is liaising with Bradford City & Districts CCGs regarding payments for amber drugs. The current searches that Data Quality have set up do not identify patients on more than one amber drug. It has been proposed that practices inform the CCG at the year end the number of patients on more than one amber drug and a balancing payment will be made

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. When emailing it would be helpful if you could also copy your email to Kate Mackenzie (kate.mackenzie@yorlmc.co.uk) and Neil Bostock (neil.bostock@yorlmc.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.

New FREE job advertising service for practices & GPs

YORLMC has launched a new job page on the YORLMC website at <https://www.yorlmc.co.uk/jobs>

NHS Practices in the YORLMC area seeking to fill GP and staff vacancies and GPs seeking work in the YORLMC area can place adverts on the job page free of charge. Please see the flyer at [Appendix 1](#) for further information.

To help YORLMC's Corporate Affairs Team keep track of changes within practice teams will Practice Managers please advise info@yorlmc.co.uk when GPs join or leave the practice and when there is to be a change of Practice Manager

Primary Care Support England (Capita)/NHSE escalation process for practices – updated

In July 2016 in response to the significant number of ongoing issues as a result of the poor delivery of services by PCSE provided by Capita and commissioned by NHS England, YORLMC agreed with NHSE Y&H an escalation process for practices to follow.

By way of reminder the current contact details are set out below.

1. Initial queries should be directed as follows:

- For GP Payments, please contact pcse.gp-payments@nhs.net
- For GP Pensions, please contact pcse.gp-pensions@nhs.net
- For Performers Lists queries please contact pcse.performerlists@nhs.net
- For Supplies and Portal queries, please contact pcse.portalenquiries@nhs.net
- For all other queries, please continue to use pcse.enquiries@nhs.net

2. Unresolved issues or lack of response, practices should contact PCS England regional contact susyellis@nhs.net Acting Y&H Regional Liaison Manager/West Yorkshire Local Training Manager

3. If following this, practice issues remain unresolved please contact the following NHSE Y&H contacts – keith.paterson1@nhs.net; marie.wharton@nhs.net and helen.hawran@nhs.net who will do their best to help escalate the issues.

There is further PCSE related guidance on YORLMC's website [here](#)

YORLMC TRAINING - Upcoming courses

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

YORLMC now offers a helping hand for practices who would like to deliver Lunch & Learn sessions to their staff. Some may not be comfortable in delivering this training themselves or simply just don't have the time. By providing a trainer we can help deliver this in your practice. Please email leanne.ashton@yorlmc.co.uk if you would like more information about this.

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