



A monthly newsletter for North Yorkshire & Bradford & Airedale practices



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- North Yorkshire and the City of York

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- ◆ Events
- ◆ YORLMC News
- ◆ YORLMC Buying Group
- ◆ *Regular updates*

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YORLMC Annual Conference —18 October 2018

Please do book your place at the YORLMC conference on 18 October which will be held at the Pavilions of Harrogate, Great Yorkshire Showground, Harrogate. We are in the process of pulling together another exciting agenda and are delighted to welcome back the very popular Mr Andy Cope from The Art of Brilliance. We aim to provide Practice Managers and GPs with support, guidance and inspiration with speakers from across the NHS but also from local projects and initiatives. Further details and booking at <https://www.yorlmcld.co.uk/events/3360>

YORLMC Locality Roadshows 2019

Following the success of our 2017 roadshows, YORLMC is again hosting a series of free events within individual localities to provide information and updates on:

- The negotiated contract changes for 2018/19
- YORLMC's work to ensure the programmes and funding pledged in the GPFV are delivered locally, including GPFV training programmes being delivered by YORLMC
- The Primary Care Network programme which CCGs are being encouraged to develop to ensure complete geographically contiguous population coverage as far as possible by the end of 2018/19
- Local examples and success stories of General Practice transformation and working at scale
- New care models being developed or considered in local areas
- YORLMC's work over the last year including negotiations and engagement with local stakeholders

We would like to encourage all practices to have representation at these events. Whether you're a Salaried GP, a Principal, Locum GP, Registrar or Practice Manager this is an opportunity to speak freely, ask any questions and be involved in influencing the local plans which affect your daily working life. These events will count towards CPD and are free to attend.

AWC Roadshow—17 April —<https://www.yorlmcld.co.uk/events/6645>
Scarborough & Ryedale roadshow—19 April —<https://www.yorlmcld.co.uk/events/6649>
Vale of York roadshow—24 April —<https://www.yorlmcld.co.uk/events/6671>
Bradford City & Districts roadshow—26 April 2018 —<https://www.yorlmcld.co.uk/events/6646>
Harrogate & Rural District roadshow— 2 May—<https://www.yorlmcld.co.uk/events/6684>
Hambleton, Richmondshire & Whitby roadshow - 9 May—<https://www.yorlmcld.co.uk/events/6685>

GP contract agreement England 2018/19

GPC England has concluded negotiations with NHS Employers for amendments to the 2018/19 GMS (and PMS) contract. The agreement reached will provide some stability to GMS/PMS contractors, securing £256m of funding to address practice pressures, including practice expenses and a long-overdue pay increase. Please see full details in the following link: <https://www.bma.org.uk/gpcontractengland>

GDPR Guidance

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is an EU Regulation which will be directly applicable in the UK on 25 May 2018. It should be read alongside the forthcoming UK Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA 2018). The GDPR and the DPA 2018 will replace the existing Data Protection Act 1998. The UK DPA 2018 has not yet been finalised; however, the BMA has issued interim guidance to help GP practices prepare for the GDPR and is available [here](#).

Additional materials, including template practice privacy notices, will be published in the coming weeks. The guidance is subject to change when the DPA 2018 comes into force and may be updated.

Private prescriptions for a generic product

The GPC has sought legal advice where a local CCG wants to implement a policy to reduce branded prescribing which involves GPs issuing a private prescription for a generic product when their patient has insisted on a branded version and there is no clinical reason why the generic should not be prescribed. The proposed policy would have the GP offering a generic FP10, then if that was declined offering a generic private prescription with a verbal instruction for the patient to request from the pharmacist the requested brand.

The legal advice confirms that **GPs cannot issue private prescriptions** in the manner suggested above – i.e. issuing a private prescription for a generic product when their patient has insisted on a branded version. The medicine must be ordered on an FP10, and to supply it via a private prescription would be a breach both of the requirements of the Regulations and the terms of the contract.

Clause 14.2.2. of the [GMS contract state](#) that, subject to specific exceptions, a prescriber “shall order any drugs, medicines or appliances which are needed for the treatment of any patient who is receiving treatment under the contract by issuing to that patient a non-electronic prescription form”. The exceptions to this provision relate to the supply of medicines which the Secretary of State has directed may not be prescribed under a GMS contract, or only to specified patients, or to the supply of controlled drugs under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971. This mirrors that in regulations 56 and 61 of the [2015 Regulations](#). Subject to the provisions against charging patients, GPs are permitted to supply medicines in these categories under a private arrangement.

Primary Care Support England—BMA practical resources

The BMA have published the first in a series of practical resources that aims to tackle problems caused by the continued failings in the service delivery of Primary Care Support England (PCSE). This follows two years of engagement with NHS England to resolve widespread, outstanding issues affecting practitioners. The PCSE function that is delivered by Capita is responsible for processing NHS England's payments to general practice for the services they have provided, but current procedures - particularly to reimburse money owed - have proved to be both burdensome and frustrating. The new online [Primary Care Support England guidance](#) assists practices, LMCs and GPs in making a legal written request for undisputed debts to be paid within 21 days, with an amendable covering letter and legal templates.

Press [release is here](#)

Looking for a practice to host a retainer

Please see the below message from Dr David Rose, Deputy Director of Postgraduate GP Education:

Dear Colleague,

I am writing because I would like to find a practice in North Yorkshire that might consider employing a GP on the retention scheme. You do not have to be a training practice; if you are not a training practice we can arrange some brief training in educational supervision. If you are already a practice which looks after a retainer could you accommodate a second? We are willing to allow a practice to accommodate two retainers in hard to place areas.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the scheme there is information about the retention scheme on the NHS England website:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/gp/gpfpv/workforce/retaining-the-current-medical-workforce/retained-doctors/>

If you are interested and would be prepared to talk to a doctor who wished to go on the retention scheme, please let me know at David.Rose@hee.nhs.uk.

Yours sincerely,

David

Dr David Rose, Deputy Director of Postgraduate GP Education

Supply of Hepatitis B vaccine

Attached at [appendix 1](#) is the letter from Public Health England regarding hepatitis B vaccine supply, which has been sent to CCGs.

Following the shortages since last year due to global manufacturing issues, PHE developed temporary recommendations on hepatitis B vaccine including risk-based prioritisation of vaccine, dose-sparing and deferral of boosters. However, they are now reporting that vaccine supplies are improving and that more vaccine will become available during 2018, although supplies will remain constrained due to a backlog demand from 2017 and low UK allocations from some manufacturers. Supply management and restrictions will therefore need to continue until further notice.

LMC UK Conference—9 March

Attached at [Appendix 2](#) is the LMC conference news which contains resolutions, election results and motions lost.

Guidance on Responsibilities for Prescribing between Primary and Secondary/Tertiary Care

Revised guidance on the [Responsibility for prescribing between primary and secondary/tertiary care](#) has been published on the NHS England's [Primary and secondary care interface resource page](#).

This guidance sets out the principles that should be applied in ensuring proper governance and patient safety, and was drafted by the 'Primary and Secondary Care Interface Working Group'. This group is working to drive forward actions intended to improve processes and collaboration across the primary and secondary care interface, and was formed in response to a commitment made in the General Practice Forward View. Links to the guidance document is also available from the [interface between primary care and secondary care page](#) and the [prescribing page](#) on the BMA website.

Local impact of public health funding cuts

The BMA have published a new [research briefing](#) which explores whether changes to public health funding are reflective of local population health need, and assesses the impact that public health funding cuts are having on the delivery of services locally.

Save the date - Yorkshire Practice Management Conference - Wednesday 26 September

YORLMC is pleased to share details of the third annual Yorkshire Practice Management Conference which will take place in Harrogate on 26 September 2018. Please see the attached flyer at [Appendix 3](#). YORLMC is pleased to be associated with this event and members of the Corporate Affairs Team look forward to seeing you at our stand throughout the day.

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Care home pharmacists to help cut overmedication and unnecessary hospital stays for frail older patients

NHS England recently [announced plans](#) to recruit and deploy hundreds of pharmacists into care homes to help reduce overmedication and cut unnecessary hospital stays. Around 180,000 people living in nursing or residential homes will have their prescriptions and medicines reviewed by the new pharmacists and pharmacy technicians.

Studies suggest up to one in 12 of all hospital admissions are medicines-related and two thirds of these are preventable. NHS trials have shown pharmacists reviewing medicines improved patients' quality of life by reducing unnecessary use and bringing down emergency admissions, with less time spent in hospitals. This approach also led to meaningful savings in unnecessary prescribing costs of £249 per patient in one pilot over a year.

NHS England will roll out the approach by funding recruitment of 240 pharmacists and pharmacy technicians. The reviews will be done in coordination with GPs and practice-based clinical pharmacists to ensure people are prescribed the right medicines, at the right time, in the right way to improve their health and overall quality of life. The use of clinical pharmacists and pharmacy technicians to undertake structured medicines reviews of all new and discharged care home residents in Northumberland showed that one hospital readmission could be avoided for every 12 residents reviewed. In East and North Hertfordshire, where this model was applied across 37 care homes, an annual drug cost saving of £249 per patient was seen.

Results from the six NHS England care homes vanguard sites piloting this approach show:

- Reduced reported emergency hospital admissions by 21%
- Reduced oral nutritional support usage by 7%
- Reduced ambulance call out by up to 30%
- Made drug cost savings of £125-305 per resident.

The roll-out of pharmacists and pharmacy technicians into care homes is part of the NHS England plan – [Refreshing NHS Plans for 2018/19](#) - which sets out measures to provide joined-up services for patients to ensure they receive care in the most appropriate place.

GPC is represented on the NHS England-led national working group for the implementation of clinical pharmacists in General Practice, so we will be influencing how practice based pharmacists will interact with pharmacists and pharmacy technicians in care homes.

GP Trainee Newsletter

The link for the latest BMA GP trainee newsletter is available at <https://bma-mail.org.uk/t/JVX-5I1RL-1BJCJOU46E/cr.aspx>

Sessional GP Newsletter - March Edition

The latest sessional GP newsletter is available at <https://bma-mail.org.uk/t/JVX-5IP3O-1BJCJOU46E/cr.aspx>

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



The GPs' own charity

BMA House, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JP, Registered Charity No. 261993

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](http://www.cameronfund.org.uk) 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

Email: enquiries@cameronfund.org.uk Web: <http://www.cameronfund.org.uk/content/link-us>

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

YORLMC joined the LMC Buying Groups Federation in September 2010 to deliver savings to practices without creating any additional work or inconvenience.

All practices were given the opportunity to 'opt-in' to membership at that time and over 140 practices in North Yorkshire, Bradford and Airedale have now done so. Any practices who have not yet signed up can do so at any time.

Due to the upcoming changes to data protection regulations in May 2018, the Buying Group now need all existing members to complete a new form to ensure you can continue to access the Buying Group's service after this date: <https://form.jotformeu.com/73232425890355>.

Membership entitles you to discounts on products and services provided by the Buying Group's suppliers. Membership is free and there is no obligation on practices to use all the suppliers. However, practices can save thousands of pounds a year just by switching to Buying Group suppliers. To view the pricing and discounts on offer you need to log-in to the Members section of the Buying Group website: <https://www.lmcbuyinggroups.co.uk/>

Not convinced the Buying Group can save your practice money? Well why not challenge them to do just that! The Buying Group offers a free cost analysis service that aims to show member practices how much money they could save just by swapping to buying group suppliers. They can also provide this service for groups of practices working together. For more information, contact the Buying Group on 0115 979 6910 or email info@lmcbuyinggroups.co.uk.

LMC Buying Groups: Q&As

The following Q&As attempt to answer the most obvious questions about the Buying Group and how it operates.

What is the purpose of the LMC Buying Group and how does it work?

The sole purpose of the Buying Group is to save its member practices money by negotiating discounts on goods and services which practices regularly purchase. The Buying Group team negotiate with suppliers, after which they identify 'approved' suppliers, who guarantee to give you significant discounts over what you would otherwise pay for their services, in return for the Buying Group's endorsement and help in making you aware of what they offer.

Does it cost us anything to be part of the group?

No. All practices paying the LMC statutory/administrative levy are automatically entitled to enrol as members. The Buying Group regard this as an added value service your LMC can offer you. Should any practice cease to pay their LMC levies, they will no longer be able to access the benefits this initiative will bring.

Is there any obligation to take up the deals offered?

No. Each practice is free to take up or decline any of the deals the Buying Group have negotiated. If you wish to take advantage of any of the offers in question, you will be given contact details and all communications take place between you and the individual supplier*.

Who are the Buying Group's approved suppliers?

A full list of suppliers is available on the Buying Group's website but product/service areas that the group covers includes:

- Stationery, Office Equipment and Furniture
- Medical Consumables and Equipment and Testing and Calibration
- Insurance
- Energy Broker
- Confidential Waste Shredding
- Waste Collection
- Telecoms
- Staff Uniforms
- Asbestos and Environmental Surveys
- Emergency Oxygen
- Digital Dictation Software
- Online Training Courses
- Medical Record Digital Reproduction
- Travax Website Subscription
- Website Design
- Merchant Card Services
- Royalty Free Music
- Flu vaccines

Your Details

When a practice signs up for Buying Group membership, they will keep your basic contact details (practice address, telephone number) on a secure database which is used for administration purposes (i.e. to identify which practices are eligible for supplier discounts). On the membership application form, they also ask you how they can use your personal data (i.e. your email address) but even if you do sign up to receive their emails you can stop them at any time by clicking the unsubscribe button.

What if I am not happy with the quality of goods and services supplied?

Always let the Buying Group know if you encounter any problems getting what you want, and they will endeavour to sort it out.

**The Buying Group accepts no liability for any contract willingly entered into by a practice with an approved supplier. Practices are advised to check that the terms of any contract with suppliers are not inconsistent with those the Buying Group have negotiated and are advised to inform the Buying Group team of any discrepancy. The Buying Group do not, however, accept any responsibility for any member practices' failure to check the terms of the relevant contract and the principle of caveat emptor (buyer beware) applies in all cases. Your rights as a consumer under the Consumer Protection Act are unaffected. With respect to any services to which the provisions of the Financial Services Act 2000 might apply practices are advised to seek independent financial advice as may be appropriate.*

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