

Newsletter for North Yorkshire & Bradford and Airedale practices— February 2019



About YORLMC

YORLMC is the professional voice for all NHS GPs and practice teams across North Yorkshire, the City of York, Bradford, Airedale, Wharfedale & Craven districts.

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Message from Dougy Moederle-Lumb Chief Executive, YORLMC Ltd

YORLMC Conference—BOOK NOW **Making your network work—3 July**

Please do book your place at the next YORLMC conference on 3 July 2019 which will be held at the Pavilions of Harrogate, Great Yorkshire Showground, Harrogate. We are close to finalising an exciting agenda which will be shared shortly.

The theme will be 'making your network work' and the focus of the day will be the significant changes brought about by the 5-year contract agreement negotiated by GPC, the creation of Primary Care Networks and the NHS Long Term Plan.

The event is open to GPs and all practice staff and will count towards CPD. The last two conferences have proved hugely popular so please do join us for another inspirational and informative day.

To book please click on this link— <https://www.yorlmc.co.uk/events/8639>

2019 Conference Making Your Network Work!

3 July 2019

09:00 to 16:30

Pavilions of Harrogate

Feedback from our previous conferences:

'Best conference I have been to' 'Excellent, inspiring day' 'Really informative'

Huge turnout for GPC roadshow!



“GPC Chair Dr Richard Vautrey and YORLMC Medical Director Dr Brian McGregor at the roadshow”

Over 100 GPs and practice staff from across Yorkshire & Humber attended the GPC roadshow in Leeds on 19 February to hear from GPC Chair, Dr Richard Vautrey, about changes to the GP contract.

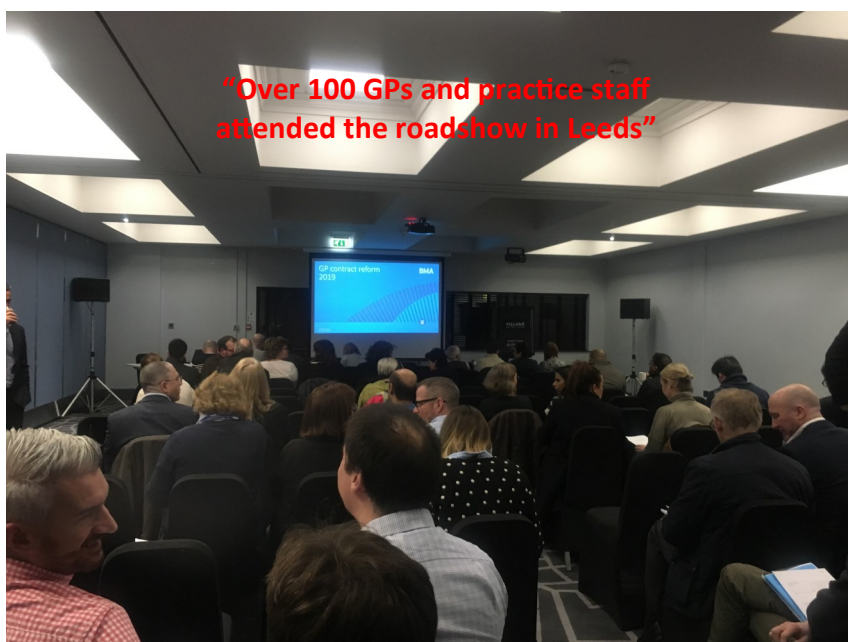
The roadshow was organised by YORLMC and chaired by YORLMC Medical Director Dr Brian McGregor.

The GPC has negotiated [a 5-year contract deal](#) with NHS England and roadshow attendees heard from Dr Vautrey about the significant changes that this new contract brings for general practice including:

- Overall funding in excess of £2.8bn over a five-year period, through practices and networks
- Indemnity state backed scheme introduced
- Pay & expenses uplift each year through global sum, in line with predicted inflation
- Creation of a new Primary Care Network, built up over the five years
- Additional workforce & linked funding through a new Primary Care Network
- Amendments to QOF
- Resources for IT and digital, including greater digital access for patients
- Delivery of the NHS Long Term Plan ambitions through the additional funding and workforce

YORLMC has arranged a series of local roadshows for GPs and practices across Bradford & Airedale and North Yorkshire & York. These roadshows will be an opportunity to hear more about the new contract and what it means for the GP community in the locality where you work. There will also be chance to discuss the recently published [NHS Long Term Plan](#) and the [GP Partnership Review](#).

More details about these roadshows, including how to book, are available at <https://www.yorlmcld.co.uk/events>



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National role for Dr Brian McGregor



YORLMC Medical Director Dr Brian McGregor has been elected in a by-election to the General Practitioners Committee (GPC) as representative for North Yorkshire & Bradford.

The GPC is the national body representing GPs and in his new role Brian will represent our local GPs and practices in national discussions and be part of the GPC's campaigning on behalf of all GPs.

Brian is a long-standing member of North Yorkshire LMC and has provided pastoral care over both North Yorkshire and Bradford LMC areas. He will be continuing as YORLMC Medical Director and as a salaried GP alongside his GPC role. He also serves on the LMC Conference (England) agenda committee, setting the agendas for these national conferences which decide GPC England policy for the coming year. The by-election took place after Dr Dougy Moederle-Lumb, YORLMC Chief Executive, stepped down from the

GPC after 11 years representing nationally the interests of GPs across North Yorkshire, Bradford & Airedale. As well as continuing as YORLMC Chief Executive, Dougy also remains Chair of the GPDF, another key national body, which provides support to GPC, LMCs and General Practice.

Primary Care Networks (PCNs)

Blogs by Krishna Kasaraneni, GPC England Executive Member

GPC England executive team member Krishna Kasaraneni has written four informative blogs on PCNs:

[Primary care networks](#): an introduction to PCNs

[The right structures for PCNs](#): what you need to consider at this early stage

[LMCs and PCNs](#): how local medical committees can support practices to engage with PCNs

[Primary care networks](#): how the new workforce expansion will support GPs and practices

DR Solicitors

Blog on legal consideration around PCNs

DR Solicitors have written a blog post about legal considerations around Primary Care Networks which available at <https://resources.drsolicitors.com/primary-care-networks-legal-considerations>

GP contract Guidance

Updated

GPC continue to publish guidance relating to the GP contract agreement in England [here](#). Because of wider political pressures, not least Brexit, changes to the GMS and PMS regulations relating to the contract in England will not happen in time for April 2019, but may be later in the year (July or October). The SFE and funding entitlements will still go ahead from 1 April.

GQC update

Updated

Practices in England have been sent an update on the new approach to regulation of general practice, being introduced from 1 April 2019. The updates outlined that practices rated good/outstanding will no longer be routinely inspected every two years, with their inspections changing to a maximum interval of five years. Instead these practices will have an annual regulatory review including the outcome of a “provider information collection” (PIC) with an annual phone call to the practice, as a satisfactory IT solution for the PIC has yet to be developed. That letter links through to updated guidance on CQC’s website: [How we monitor GP practices](#) and a new page on the [questions that we’ll ask on the calls](#). GPC England has worked closely with the CQC through various iterations of this in order to mitigate the impact on practices and our engagement has hopefully made the process considerably less burdensome and more fit for purpose than it otherwise would have been; it has also been piloted, though not in a huge number of practices.

Access guidance

Updated

GPC England has released additional guidance that provides an overview of all elements of the contract agreement which could change how patients will access primary care in the future and the impact of these changes on practices. You can read the access guidance [here](#)

Pensions blog

By Krishan Aggarwal, Deputy Chair of the Sessional GPs subcommittee

Dr Krishan Aggarwal, Deputy Chair of the GPC Sessional GPs subcommittee, has written a [blog post](#) with advice for sessional GPs on Type 2 pension forms.

Further information, including details of how to download forms, is on the [PCSE website](#)

Indemnity settlement 18/19

Agreement secured

GPC England and NHS England have agreed the amount to cover the increased cost of indemnity for 2018/19. This will again be £60m and be paid on a per-patient basis equivalent to £1.005 per patient. Practices and individual GPs will need to discuss how this funding is distributed, in line with previous years. This is the third year that GPC have secured payment to cover the previous annual rise in indemnity costs. It now completes discussions related to the current indemnity scheme and represents a fair and final settlement. This is in addition to the state-backed indemnity scheme which begins next month. [Read the BMA indemnity guidance](#)

Integrated care provider contract

Concerns raised by GPC

GPC England has serious concerns about the risks related to NHS England's integrated care provider contract (previously the multispecialty community provider contract) which has been proposed as a way of integrating services. Practices entering in to such an arrangement would be required to give up their existing GMS or PMS contract in part or altogether. With the new GP contractual focus on primary care networks, which build on the existing core GP contract, GPC do not believe the use of the ICP contract is necessary. The BMA has produced some briefing materials on the ICP contract and its potential impact on the NHS, and for general practice. These provide a brief overview of what GPs and patients need to know about ICPs, the BMAs concerns about them, and the alternative options available for achieving integration of NHS services. The briefings can be accessed via the [BMA website](#).

Integrated care systems

New briefing

The BMA have published a [new briefing on Integrated Care Systems](#). This provides a background to the changing ways of planning and organising the delivery of health and care services in England. The briefing describes what they are, where across England they are being established, and what they mean for doctors, in both primary and secondary care.

Falsified Medicines Directive and Brexit

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NHS England has written to all Heads of Primary Care in England about the Falsified Medicines Directive. The letter states that in an event of a No Deal for Brexit the FMD requirements would be removed from law. Whilst mandated to continue preparations, these need to continue with appropriate caution given the possibility of a No Deal scenario.

Helpfully, the letter states that work has been progressing with system suppliers to provide an FMD solution as part of their package to practices – thereby signalling that practices do not need to take immediate action. Unhelpfully, the letter also states that dispensing doctors would need to make their own provision as part of dispensing. GPC have serious concerns about this and will be meeting with NHS England and the Dispensing Doctors Association to discuss this as soon as possible.

CQC Reimbursement

Reminder to claim

In 2016, GPC negotiated for practices' CQC fees to be fully reimbursed by their Commissioner. This is a practice entitlement, therefore please do claim your local fees back from your local CCG.

Routine prescribing of OTC medicine

Assurances from NHS England

As part of the contract agreement, NHS England has written [a letter to GP practices](#) to provide assurance that practices will not be at risk of breaching their contract when following OTC prescribing guidance.

Funding for increased employer contributions

Following the recently concluded contract negotiations, it was agreed that additional funding would be provided to fund the expected rise in employers superannuation costs. The DHSC (Department for Health and Social Care) has now published its response following recent public consultation. They have confirmed that for 2019/20 an employer rate of 20.6% (20.68% inclusive of the administration charge) will apply from 1 April 2019. However, the NHS Business Service Authority will only collect 14.38% from employers such as practices. Central payments will be made by NHS England and the DHSC for their respective proportions of the outstanding 6.3%. This will also apply to locum GPs.

[Read the full consultation response](#)

What's new for Sessional GPs

In the latest addition of the [sessional GPs e-newsletter](#) there is a blog on the implementation of the Indemnity scheme.

Doctors use of social media

New guidance

The GMC & BMA have both produced guidance for doctors that describe the benefits and risks to consider when using social media platforms such as Twitter, WhatsApp, Facebook and YouTube. These are available at:

[GMC](#)

[BMA](#)

Consultation on competition and procurement rules in the NHS

NHS England announced a [new consultation](#) on proposals for legislative change to the current competition rules in the NHS in England. This is a significant development which recognises the BMA's campaign against the wasteful and pernicious rules introduced by the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

See the BMA [press release](#) for more information.

Supply issues update

For primary care

Attached at [Appendix 1](#)

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Flu vaccination programme delivery

GPC England has sought advice from NHS England and clarified the action needed if there is no adjuvanted trivalent inactivated influenza vaccine (aTIV) available as part of the vaccination programme delivery, and no further is expected. The appropriate steps for practices to follow are:

1. Where a practice has no aTIV, discuss this with the CCG flu lead.
2. If the CCG confirms that no aTIV is available, offer patients Quadrivalent Influenza Vaccine (QIV).
3. If a patient declines QIV, the practice can exception report and then should record the reason.

Firearms licensing process

Updated guidance

The BMA have updated their [GP support guidance about the firearms licensing process](#). Mark Sanford-Wood, GPC England executive team member, has also written a blog about medical involvement in firearms to explain the clarifications which you can access [here](#).

BMA model locum practice agreement

Updated guidance

A BMA Model [locum practice agreement](#) has been developed jointly by GPC and the sessional GP subcommittee with the help of BMA Law. This has been developed with the aim of benchmarking good practice for locums and practices, with written T&Cs in place. It is intended to minimise common disputes between locums and practices and clearly outline the type of work that will be undertaken by a locum when working at a practice. It covers practice and locum obligations, as well as practical issues such as invoicing.

It also protects both parties against locums being categorised as an employee or worker by HMRC for tax purposes, or by an employment tribunal for the purposes of statutory employment protection, as well as ensuring that there are appropriate arrangements in place for compliance with GDPR. This is a package consisting of terms and conditions (with explanatory notes) and a work schedule which together form a legal contract that can be used by locum GPs and GP practices for locum engagements. BMA members who use the locum practice agreement can check any terms and conditions they are offered with the BMA [contract checking service](#) to ensure they align with the BMA model terms and conditions. Members can also [contact the BMA](#) to get advice and support with resolving any disputes if they occur.



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YORLMC Buying Group

& Member rates

Members of the LMC Buying Group can access discounts with any of the suppliers on the attached list ([Appendix 2](#)). To access these discounts, you can either login to the Buying Group website and request a quote or if you contact the supplier directly, you need to make sure you mention your practice is a member of the LMC Buying Group or state the discount code from the suppliers page of the Buying Group website.

If you were using an approved supplier before you became a Buying Group member or have been using a supplier for a long time and aren't sure whether you are receiving the correct rates, you can email the Buying Group to check: info@lmcbuyinggroups.co.uk.

For further information on LMC Buying Group member benefits or to speak to a member of the team, you can live chat via their website: <https://www.lmcbuyinggroups.co.uk/> or give them a call on: 0115 979 6910.



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