

North Yorkshire & York News

Update from YORLMC for GPs and practice staff in North Yorkshire & York - September 2019

Chair's introduction

From YORLMC NY Branch Chair, Dr Sally Tyrer

Since the last NY Branch report Primary Care Networks have become more established. There is a lot of national funding available to support PCN development at this early stage and YORLMC has been supporting PCNs and Clinical Directors complete their development plans which have just been submitted to NHSE. [New additional roles guidance](#) has been published for PCNs which gives further clarity in terms of recruiting extra staff and the available reimbursement from next year onwards. We have been involved in discussions with CCGs to ensure practice and CCG base-lines for the 5 identified PCN roles (pharmacists, social prescribers, physician associates, paramedics, first contact physios) are as accurate as possible given how much emphasis the additional roles guidance places on these figures for the next 5 years.

Separate to PCNs we continue to meet with CCGs / Trusts and a range of other key partners to discuss a variety of issues affecting General Practice. Throughout these discussions we are ever mindful of the key priority to stabilise and improve General Practice workload and capacity issues.

North Yorkshire is unique in having 3 different STPs. This creates considerable complexity for everyone, especially the emerging North Yorkshire CCG. We therefore welcome the news that from April Hambleton Richmondshire and Whitby CCG will formally become part of Humber Coast and Vale STP, alongside Scarborough and York, instead of belonging to Cumbria and the North East STP.

I was invited to take part in the interview process for the 3 North Yorkshire clinical lead posts which will start in April 2020 if the merger is successful. These posts have now been confirmed as Dr Charles Parker (Clinical Chair), Dr Alastair Ingram (Vice Chair) and Dr Phil Garnett (Associate Chair). All 3 GPs have worked hard in their respective CCGs for the past few years. We look forward to continuing to work with them across a larger North Yorkshire footprint, and extend our congratulations to them on their new appointments.



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Keeping track of 2019-20 contract requirements

Changes to the GP contract and the development of Primary Care Networks have brought new requirements for practices. To help with planning, YORLMC has put together a list of key deadlines, which is available at [Appendix 1](#). There is also more information on the 2019-20 GP contract on the [YORLMC website](#).

Patient registration Q&A

Q: Can anyone register with a GP?

A: Anybody may register and consult with a GP free of charge. If they are not ordinarily resident in England they may not be eligible for

secondary care services but continue to refer on clinical grounds and the secondary care services will assess eligibility to free care.

Q: Do patients need ID to register?

A: There is no contractual duty to seek evidence of identity or immigration status or proof of address. Practices cannot refuse registration on the grounds that a patient does not have ID.

Q: Can homeless patients register with a GP?

A: Yes. As above there is no need to provide ID and they may register with a temporary address or use the practice's address to register.

Q: Can a practice refuse to register a patient?

A: There are very few instances in which a practice can refuse to register a patient and refusal cannot relate to the patient's race, gender, social class, age, religion, sexual orientation, appearance, disability or medical condition. If the practice has an open list then refusal to register can be on reasonable grounds, such as patient does not live within the practice area. A practice can only close their list with agreement of the commissioner. If a practice refuses a registration, they must write to the applicant within 14 days of the decision and the reason for it. They must also keep written records of all refusals of applications and reasons for them.

There is more guidance about patient registration on the [BMA website](#).

Representing all GPs and their practices in:

- **Bradford, Airedale, Wharfedale and Craven**
- **North Yorkshire and York**

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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YORLMC Division meetings



All GPs and practice staff in North Yorkshire & York are invited and very welcome to attend their local YORLMC Locality Division meetings. These meetings are an opportunity to meet

with colleagues including YORLMC members and officers and discuss local matters with senior representatives from the CCG.

Divisions meet bi-monthly and you can check the dates of forthcoming meetings [here](#). If you intend to come to a meeting, or would like any more information, please let the Corporate Affairs Team know via simon.berriman@yorlmcld.co.uk

Berni Judge, Practice Manager Resource, NY Branch

Just a reminder that I am the Practice Manager Resource co-opted to the North Yorkshire Branch of YORLMC. My co-option to YORLMC has been made with the intention of providing practices across North Yorkshire and York with an additional resource and acting as a link with practice manager colleagues. I will be attending Branch meetings and also liaison meetings with CCG leads and representatives of the Area 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 – berni.judge@nhs.net. When emailing it would be helpful if you could also copy your email to the Corporate Affairs Team - simon.berriman@yorlmcld.co.uk



LeDeR (The Learning Disabilities Mortality Review)

The LeDeR mythbusters (recently circulated to practices and attached at [Appendix 2](#)) was discussed at the September YORLMC North Yorkshire Liaison meeting. YORLMC consider that whilst this reporting is not funded and not a statutory requirement, it is reasonable to report information to the LeDeR after a patient with Learning Disabilities dies. At the meeting YORLMC Officers deemed that this process is beneficial to future care of other patients and could be used to benefit practices for CQC inspections and personal learning and reflection (as this can be counted for appraisal if data is anonymised). An online reporting system can be found at <https://www.bris.ac.uk/sps/leder/notification-system/>. Consent from the family is not needed for this.

Community Pharmacy New National Contract Briefing For GPs

Attached at [Appendix 3](#) you will find a briefing on the above from PSNC. Pharmacists have also negotiated a 5 year plan to mirror the GP 5 year contract negotiations and the NHS long term plan. Parts of their contract change annually as with ours, and some of the requirements in their contract mirrors closely what we are currently doing in General Practice. YORLMC, the LPC and the CCG Medicines Management Teams are working collaboratively to ensure the local implementation of their national contract is done in the most straight forward way, that complements the work we do in General Practice rather than inadvertently increasing it.

Representing you at GPC

YORLMC Medical Secretary Dr Brian McGregor was elected to the General Practitioners Committee (GPC) earlier this year.

The GPC is a national body representing all GPs in the UK. It deals with all matters affecting NHS GPs, whether or not they are BMA members. There is more information about the GPC and its work on the [BMA website](#).

Brian is a regionally elected representative and his constituency covers North Yorkshire & York and Bradford & Aire-dale. In addition to his YORLMC and GPC roles, Brian is also a salaried GP, a GP appraiser and Local Clinical Director (York and Selby areas) for Yorkshire Doctors Urgent Care Ltd.

Here, Brian provides an update on current GPC activity:

How have you found your first few months on GPC?

"It's been a steep learning curve. There's lots of paperwork to deal with as I am asked to comment on all BMA policy documents. I've been learning about GPC's role in the wider BMA and finding my own place in the national structure as well as building new relationships. "Everyone on GPC has a role and so far I've joined the commissioning and the working at scale groups. I've also volunteered for a task & finish group to look at wellbeing and support for GPs - a crucial area of work."

What are the main priorities at the moment for GPC?

"The 2019-20 GP contract has brought huge changes for general practice and applying this contract and supporting PCNs is a top priority for GPC.

"GP wellbeing is a focus for YORLMC and it's a priority for the GPC too - I'm pleased to be involved in this key area both locally and nationally. Backing the partnership model and engaging with sessional GPs are important GPC workstreams too, as well as planning for Brexit."



And what about your own personal priorities Brian?

"I've worked on my own wellbeing this year and so far lost 4 stone 1.5 lbs. The work continues - guesses are welcome for what the grand total might be at the end of the year!"



About Dr Brian McGregor

Dr Brian McGregor is YORLMC's Medical Secretary and has been involved with YORLMC since 1995.

In the late 1990s he was a Board Member of a large successful

Multi-Fund Collaboration under GP Fundholding in York, and Cancer Lead for North Yorkshire at the introduction of the 2 week rule system. He

subsequently led the development of the first GP commissioning group in York, York Health Group, and sat on its Board, covering all of York.

Prior to moving into his current Medical Secretary role, Brian was Vice Chair of YORLMC North Yorkshire and York for 11 years. He was a GPwSI in addition therapy for 23 years, working in specialist clinics and prisons, and was also a Hospital

Practitioner in St James A/E Dept from 1992-1997.

Brian is also a Member of the Cameron Fund, which is the medical benevolent charity that provides support solely to GPs in the UK.