



## Chair's introduction

From YORLMC NY Branch Chair, Dr Sally Tyrer



Since the last edition, I attended the England conference of LMCs alongside several other North Yorkshire representatives [Dr Ken Atkinson](#), [Dr Aaron Brown](#), [Dr Cath Dixon](#) and [Dr Jim Woods](#). This is always an interesting conference as it's the mechanism whereby grass roots GPs, via their LMCs, get an opportunity to shape GPC policy for the coming years. It's also a useful barometer of the mood of the profession as a whole. The key theme coming across was ongoing concerns around workload / capacity, although overall it did feel more positive than previous years. Key Topics included:

- **Home visits** – a passionate debate occurred about whether we still had capacity to do all home visits. This ended up being a broader debate about unmanageable GP workload, and the vote was narrowly approved asking GPC to negotiate a separate funded service to provide visits. Given the level of coverage about this, it's important to point out nothing will change imminently, and regardless of what is ultimately negotiated, nothing will prevent GPs still being able to still visit those patients that they choose to such as the vulnerable / frail / terminally ill.
- **NHSPS** – Following protracted negotiations with NHSE / NHSPS, the BMA have made the decision to take NHSPS to court over the issue of service charges for GP premises
- **Medication shortages** – it was agreed that additional resources were required to manage the workload involved with the increasing number of drugs unavailable.

There was also a debate about PCNs in general with concerns raised about unrealistic expectations and demands. Overall there was some positivity about them, and the vote to scrap PCNs altogether was lost. It was agreed that GPC should negotiate more flexibility around the additional staff roles PCNs can recruit; that Clinical Directors should have clear access to funded sick / parental leave; and be funded equally rather than based on size of PCN. There was also a request for clear legal and accounting advice with further changes to the DES. Locally, PCNs are starting to think about how they will use their development monies, and are trying to recruit pharmacists and social prescribers to ensure they make the most of the additional roles allocation available. [See here for Conference resolutions](#) and here for [webcast](#).



2019 has certainly been a year to remember in General Practice, and 2020 promises to be the same. As an LMC we will continue to try and find ways to ease workload pressures and make General Practice more sustainable for everyone.

I hope you all manage to navigate through the winter pressures successfully, and wish you a Happy Christmas and very best wishes for 2020.

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# Stand for YORLMC

Elections to YORLMC will take place in spring 2020. Attached at [Appendix 1](#) is a flyer attached with more information about standing for YORLMC – please do have a look at this and consider putting your name forward.

More details, including an invitation to stand, will be circulated in early January

## North Yorkshire Horizons – what's new

Attached at [Appendix 2](#) is communication from North Yorkshire Horizons regarding their dedicated drug and alcohol recovery service.



Attached at [Appendix 3](#) is the annual report of Lincoln Sargeant, Director of Public Health, North Yorkshire County Council

## Annual Report of the Director of Public Health for North Yorkshire 2019

### ***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.

### **Providing:**

- [Support and advice](#)
- [Pastoral Care](#)
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- [YORLMC News](#)
- [YORLMC Buying Group](#)
- Regular updates



# 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 [ariana.frankis@yorlmcld.co.uk](mailto:ariana.frankis@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](mailto: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](mailto:simon.berriman@yorlmcld.co.uk)



## FREE job advertising service for practices & GP

YORLMC has a job page on the YORLMC website at <https://www.yorlmcld.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. To place an advert please contact the Corporate Affairs Team via [info@yorlmcld.co.uk](mailto:info@yorlmcld.co.uk)



*Merry Christmas*

## Pharmacy applications

Approved—the consolidation of the pharmacies at Market Place, Selby, North Yorkshire, YO8 4PB (the remaining site) and Market Cross, Selby, North Yorkshire, YO8 4JS (the closing site)

Approved—consolidation of the pharmacies at 32-34 Murray Street, Filey, North Yorkshire, YO14 9DG (the remaining site) and 32 Belle Vue Street, Filey, North Yorkshire, YO14 9HY (the closing site)