

YORLMC News



GPC Roadshow

More than 80 GPs and practice staff from across our area attended the GPC contract roadshow in Leeds on 25 February.

The roadshow, hosted by YORLMC and chaired by YORLMC Medical Secretary Dr Brian McGregor, was an opportunity to hear from GPC Chair Dr Richard Vautrey about changes to the GP contract for 2020-21. Dr Vautrey presented information about the contract changes and then took questions from the audience.

There's more information about the contract changes later in this newsletter and on the [YORLMC website](#).

Over the next two months, YORLMC will host a series of locality roadshows for North Yorkshire & York and Bradford & Airedale which will provide information about the new contract as well as an update on work happening locally. More details are available on the [YORLMC events page](#).



**For practices in
North Yorkshire &
York and Bradford
& Airedale**

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Message from Dr Dougy Moederle-Lumb Chief Executive YORLMC Ltd



Dear Colleagues

GP Contract 2020-21

GPC England and NHSE/I have negotiated changes to the GP contract for 2020-21 following a GPC England meeting held on 6 February 2020. Full details are available on the BMA website [here](#).

The top line changes:

- The new value of Global Sum from 1st April will be £93.46.
- The new value of a QOF point will be £194.83.
- More roles added to the Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme.
- Between 2020/21 and 2023/24, the scheme will expand to 26,000 additional roles.
- All roles to be reimbursed at 100%, freeing up the existing £1.50/head to contribute to management support for PCNs.
- Funding entitlements increase from £257m to £430m next year and, in 2023/24, from £891m to £1,412m.
- Extra investment will fund new GP training recruitment and retention measures with £20,000 plus training support for every new partner.
- Payment arrangements for vaccinations and immunisations to be reformed
- QOF to be updated.
- PCN service specifications reduced and improved.
- Investment and Impact Fund introduced worth £40.5m in 2020/21.

Remembering Dr John Givans

In addition to his enormous contribution to General Practice across Bradford, Airedale, Wharfedale & Craven and North Yorkshire & York, John was Chairman of the Cameron Fund for very many years. As many of you will know, the Cameron Fund is the medical benevolent charity that provides support solely to GPs in the UK. It is fitting therefore that at John's funeral, his family invited donations to the Cameron Fund.

I am pleased to inform you that YORLMC Ltd has made a donation to the Cameron Fund in John's memory and on behalf of all BA & NY GPs. Information about the Cameron Fund is available [here](#)

Best wishes, Dougy

NHS 111 Data Sharing Arrangements

GPC understands practices are still being approached by NHS 111 providers to sign Data Sharing Agreements in order for NHS 111 staff to book GP appointments directly.

GPC advice stands that a DSA is not necessary for the purposes of assigning an appointment only as it does not require access to the patient's medical record.

NHS Digital and the Private Healthcare Information Network (PHIN) consultation

NHS Digital and the Private Healthcare Information Network (PHIN) have launched a consultation as part of the next phase of a programme to align private healthcare data with NHS recorded activity. The consultation sets out a series of changes to how data is recorded and managed across private and NHS care, along with a series of pilot projects, based upon feedback from a variety of stakeholders. The consultation, which has been launched following the publication of the Paterson Inquiry, is hosted on the [NHS Digital Consultation Hub](#).

NHS 'rapid response' teams

Urgent community response teams will be rolled out at seven sites from April under a £14m joint NHS and local authority initiative that aims to provide support within two hours to help older people remain well at home and stay out of hospital.

In response to this GPC Chair Dr Richard Vautrey said: "Providing more support and treatment for patients at home by dedicated specialist teams visiting them rather than having to travel to hospital could help many patients and also reduce the pressure on currently overstretched services, both in hospitals and the community."

IR35 guidance for locum GPs

The GPC has updated all its employment status (IR35) guidance into one easy-to-read document so that locum GPs have all the information they need to be confident in determining their employment status. Read more in a [blog](#) by Matt Mayer, deputy chair of the GP Sessional GP Committee.

The Off-payroll working rules which will apply from April 2020 are set out on the [Gov.uk website](#). This states: *To increase compliance with the existing off-payroll working rules (IR35), medium and large organisations in all sectors of the economy will become responsible for assessing an individual's employment status and determining whether the rules apply.*

Pensions tax changes

GPC England has written to NHS England about delays in GPs knowing whether they will face pension tax charges for 2017/18. The letter comes after it was revealed that more than 30,000 GPs had not been provided with a record of their pension contributions.

GPC Chair Dr Richard Vautrey wrote: "If the delays alone were not enough cause for concern, the situation is being further exacerbated by current pension taxation policies and their management. As you know the BMA, is more widely calling for tax reform to address the punitive annual allowance and taper policies."

RCGP partnership – Trainee Portfolio

FourteenFish (14F) has been selected as the new supplier for the Trainee Portfolio for the Royal College of GPs. The new Trainee Portfolio will be powered by the same platform as the FourteenFish Appraisal system which is used by thousands of GPs across the UK.

There are new features that GP Trainees will benefit from, including a mobile app to add and edit log entries. Assessments will be much better managed, and trainees will be able to quickly see if they are on track for their next ESR and have demonstrated all the required capabilities.



Coronavirus (COVID-19) update

The containment of COVID-19 remains of major concern and GPC is monitoring the situation and will continue to disseminate information as it becomes available.

[The BMA webpage](#) is regularly updated with guidance and links to information from Public Health England, Health Protection Scotland, Public Health Wales and Public Health Agency (Northern Ireland), and the Department of Health and Social Care.

The webpage includes a link to the PHE [guidance for primary care](#), posters for practices and [guidance by the RCGP](#) (including practice action cards).

The updated PHE guidance advises that the patient should be isolated and to call 111 directly, rather than there being an expectation that the GP does this.

NHS England also distributed a briefing for primary care providers, available at [Appendix 1](#).

Dr Richard Vautrey, GPC Chair, has written to the NHS England about coronavirus emergency planning, including the feasibility of an online booking suspension and procurement challenges such as the cost of supplies and equipment.

The GPC would encourage all practices to continue to follow current advice from PHE, and for anyone who suspects they might be at risk of having the virus, or has developed symptoms, to call NHS 111.

NHSEI operational guidance 2020/21

The annual [NHSEI operation guidance](#) has now been published. There's a helpful mention of "funding invested by CCGs during 2019/20 in local service provision which will be duplicated through delivery of the new service requirements in the Primary Care Network Contract DES in 2020/21 should be reinvested within primary medical care."

MDDUS member vote on arrangements for historic liabilities

In September 2019, MDDUS entered into a transaction with DHSC in relation to its GP liabilities in England. It is important that arrangements for the management of existing liabilities remain clear – this was recognised during the contractual negotiations which set up the clinical negligence scheme for GPs (CNSGP). There is therefore acknowledgement from the GPC England that such arrangements are necessary as responsibilities for existing liabilities transfer. Information for MDDUS members is available [here](#)

Research project request

YORLMC has received a request from a doctoral student at the University of Bath conducting research on different forms of collaboration between community pharmacists (CPs) and general practitioners (GPs). She is looking for CPs and GPs, who are currently part of collaborations that involve CPs and GPs and could spare 10-15 minutes to talk with her about how CPs and GPs collaborate currently within primary care in England.

If you are part of such a collaborative working relationship (even if it includes other collaborators in addition to CPs and GPs) and would be happy to discuss this please email Marianna Liaskou at ml510@bath.ac.uk.



COMAR 2020

The BMA's annual conference for medical academics will be held at BMA House on Friday 15 May 2020. The main theme will be doctors' well-being.

Save the date, express your interest in attending to confunit@bma.org.uk and look out for further information on the BMA website.

Childhood health briefing

The BMA has published the report [Supporting a healthy childhood - The need for greater investment in services in England](#), which highlights a serious lack of investment across a range of child services, leaving doctors concerned about the adverse impact on child health in England.

The BMA is urging the Government to increase investment across the entirety of children's health and social care services, and reverse local authority cuts to ensure children have a healthy start in life.

Have your say *DWP survey for doctors involved in benefits process for the terminally ill*

The Department for Work and Pensions is evaluating how the benefits system, including the DS1500 process, supports those nearing the end of their lives and desperately needs views from those doctors involved.

To have your say please complete this short [survey](#).

YORLMC Buying Group & Member rates

Members of the LMC Buying Group can access discounts with any of the suppliers on the attached list at [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.

YORLMC jobs page

YORLMC has a job page on our website at <https://www.yorlmcld.co.uk/jobs>. Please visit this page to view current vacancies and details of GPs seeking work.

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

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