

## Coroners

You may recall that the LMC has conducted a survey of practices regarding work for Coroners. From your replies it appears that the Derby and Manchester Coroners will pay £45, although most of Derbyshire practices choose not to charge. You are entitled to charge a fee. If you decide to do so, you should check with the Coroner beforehand how much he is prepared to pay.

## QOF results 2008/09

QOF results for 2008/09 have now been published. They've gone down slightly overall as a result of a drop in the Patient Experience domain, which itself was caused by the Patient Experience Survey being incorporated into the QOF.

Commenting on the publication of the QOF results for 08/09 by the NHS Information Centre, Dr Laurence Buckman, Chairman of the BMA's GPs committee, said:

"The continuation of high scores in the clinical domain shows that patients are still getting extremely good care from their GP practice. Much of this work is preventative, meaning patients are benefiting from early diagnosis and treatment. The dip in the Patient Experience QOF scores is a direct result of changes to the funding of the Patient Experience Survey and not because quality in this area has dropped. Practices got very similar, high patient satisfaction results to last year's Patient Experience Survey, yet this year they have lost points and resources. It means that if patients look at their practice's QOF results they could end up with the impression that the quality of the practice, and patients' satisfaction with it, has declined, when this isn't likely to be the case. So as well as unfairly reducing resources for patient services the results are inevitably likely to be misinterpreted, and this is why GPs have so little faith in this survey."

<http://www.ic.nhs.uk/statistics-and-data-collections/supporting-information/audits-and-performance/the-quality>

## Trent LMCs Buying Group

<http://www.lmcbuyinggroups.co.uk/index.html>

The purpose of LMC Buying Groups is to save their member practices money by negotiating discounts on goods and services which practices regularly buy. They do not actually buy anything or supply practices directly. By coming together with others, as part of the LMC Buying Groups Federation, we have been able to centralise much of the activity this entails, namely negotiating with suppliers and identifying approved suppliers who guarantee our practices significant discounts over what they would otherwise pay for their services, in return for our endorsement and help in bringing what they offer to our members' attention.

All practices paying the LMC statutory/administrative levy or equivalent are automatically eligible to become members free of charge. Passwords were sent to eligible practices in April but, if you have forgotten it, or not received it, you can click on the forgotten/lost password? link on the website and submit the request password form.

If you find there is something that you want to buy that is not included in the supplier's list of discounted items you ask the supplier and they may be able to offer you a special price. If not, click on the 'contact us' button to inform our negotiating team. Similarly, if you are not happy with the quality of goods or service supplied, please let us know.

We always want to know if you encounter any problems getting what you want or are dissatisfied in any way and will do our best to sort it out. As stated above, you are not obligated to use our recommended suppliers although the more business they obtain, the keener will be their desire to keep the business and the cheaper the will be the prices they offer to us in future!

For further information about the LMC Buying Groups Federation contact Chris Locke, Chief Negotiator, Trent LMCs Buying Group c/o Nottinghamshire LMC, Duncan Macmillan House, Porchester Road, Mapperley, Nottingham NG3 6AA Telephone: 0115 9555440 Email: [chris.locke@nottslmc.co.uk](mailto:chris.locke@nottslmc.co.uk)

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Modern purpose built medical centre. Large and supportive practice team. Mixed rural and urban practice area. List size 9600 and rising. Low level of deprivation. GMS practice with consistently high QOF achievement. Paperlite using Isoft Synergy. 6 partners (4.25 WTE) . No extended hours or OOH requirement. Regular Prescribing and Clinical meetings which are useful for CPD.

Some practice on-call between 0800 and 1830 will be required

For further information or to arrange an informal visit please contact Dr Helen Lever or Mrs Cathy Jones (Practice Manager) on 01283 731202 or email [helen.lever@nhs.net](mailto:helen.lever@nhs.net). Closing date for applications 15 October 2009.

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**FULL TIME GP PARTNER( 7-8 sessions)**

We are a GP Practice in the pleasant market town of Belper operating in fabulous, state-of-the-art new premises. A well organised Practice, forward thinking with a strong reputation for excellent clinical care. We are looking for a Full Time GP to join 6 Partners & 2 Salaried GPs, ideally from January 2010 though we are willing to be flexible for the right person.

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For further information or an informal visit, please email:

Practice Manager [Stephanie.haslam@nhs.net](mailto:Stephanie.haslam@nhs.net)

**For Information Pack, please contact 01773 881148**  
**Closing date: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2009**

## Latest advice

In the past month GPC has issued the following:

Dispensing Doctors Fee Scale 2009/10  
 Complaints Procedure  
 LINKs FAQs  
 Referrals to Complementary Therapists

Further details are available on application to the LMC office or on the BMA website [www.bma.org.uk](http://www.bma.org.uk)

## GP Earnings & Expenses

The GP Earnings and Expenses 2007/08 Provisional Report and the Investment in General Practice 2003/04 to 2008/09 can be found on the NHS Information Centre's website at [www.ic.nhs.uk](http://www.ic.nhs.uk) The headline EEQ figures relate to earnings, expenses and income derived from all self-employed sources, as reported on tax returns. The figures therefore *include* private as well as NHS work and *exclude* earnings assessed under Schedule E (most salaried employment). The estimates presented in the report *exclude* employer's superannuation contributions. Results relate to both full-time and part-time contractor GPs.

The data source for the survey is HM Revenue and Customs' (HMRC's) tax self-assessment database.

The EEQ for 2007/08 states that for contractor GPs in the UK, average net profit was:

- o **£100,324** for GMS GPs (a decrease of 3.1% since 2006/07 and 5.6% since 2005/06)
- o **£96,189** for GMS non-dispensing GPs (a decrease of 3.4% since 2006/07)
- o **£121,753** for GMS dispensing GPs (a decrease of 1.8% since 2006/07)
- o **£116,059** for PMS GPs (a decrease of 2.1% since 2006/07 and 3.5% since 2005/06)
- o **£113,517** for PMS non-dispensing GPs (a decrease of 1.8% since 2006/07)
- o **£132,222** for PMS dispensing GPs (a decrease of 2.5% since 2006/07)
- o **£106,072** for all GPMS GPs (a decrease of 1.5% since 2006/07 and 3.6% since 2005/06)

For all UK GPMS GPs identified as being salaried in 2007/08 (having more employed income than self-employed income) average pre-tax earnings from all sources of income reported were **£55,790**, an increase on the 2006/07 figure of 3.4%. We hope that the increased figure reflects practices paying salaried GPs the DDRB recommended rate of increase.

Further details are on [www.ic.nhs.uk](http://www.ic.nhs.uk)

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