

Website Update Are you aware that the new LMC website is **UPDATED DAILY** and will provide you with the key resources that relate to General Practice <http://www.derbyshirelmc.org.uk/>. Some of the current items include:

- ⇒ **News** - a report of BMA "NHS Pension Reform Roadshow" by Derbyshire GPs
- ⇒ **Guidance** - Scrutiny of Health Services in Derbyshire
- ⇒ **Resources** - a letter template highlighting that GPs have no contractual obligation to complete standardised referral forms

Please email lisa.soultana@derbyshirelmc.co.uk with feedback to help us to improve your LMC website.

NHS 111 PROGRESS

Message from the '111' Team:

The new NHS 111 service appears to be working well in the initial pilot areas of Chesterfield, Bolsover, Matlock and Bakewell. Over 10,000 calls have been received to date, and DHU have received a number of compliments about the service.

However, we realise that there will be teething problems – hence having a pilot stage – and DHU host fortnightly review sessions involving PCT, SHA and EMAS representatives and the NHS 111 Clinical Governance Lead for overall service improvement, to pick up any issues. Please, therefore, make sure you complete the **feedback form** provided if you experience any difficulties, or have any suggestions for improvements. Many thanks.

The dates for further roll out are 20th February for the rest of north Derbyshire, and 27th March for Derby city, with the rest of the county going live by the end of August.

SINGLE POINT OF ACCESS

The North of the County reports to be pleased with its Single Point of Access (SPA) referral point which is currently operational 9-5pm Monday-Fridays. Of 155 patients referred to the service to date, 57% have been clinically navigated to alternative services than acute ones. 27% had social care packages, for 26% of people the service in-reached into hospital to aid faster discharge, 17% referred direct from EMU/CDU. SPA number = 0300 1000 442 for Practices in the catchment area.

CQC—PRIVATE PROVIDER INSPECTION REPORT

There is a report on the CQC website of their inspection visit to a private provider of primary care services. Practices may wish to look at this to see the type of evidence that CQC are seeking:

http://www.cqc.org.uk/sites/default/files/media/reports/1-201147562_FBA_Medical_Limited_1-217532379_Regent_Street_Clinic_-_Nottingham_20111206.pdf

EMAIL LIABILITY

Are you liable for an email that has come to your Practice but you have not yet read?

The LMC posed this question to BMA lawyers. The answer is that **yes you are**.

The assumption is that:

"Once an email has been sent, it is treated like postal mail, it is assumed to have been received, and therefore the Practice would be liable. There is no specific time a practice is required to look at emails, however the lawyer advised that it is reasonable to assume that email is checked frequently and would in fact be more immediate than postal mail"

The LMC therefore advises Practices that they should ensure that they have a robust system in place to check email inboxes at least on a daily basis. It would also be wise to have publicity for patients and providers, to state that:

"The email address that we use for receiving practice information is 'xxxxxxx'..... and it is checked on daily basis, any information that you feel needs to be checked more urgently, should therefore be telephoned or faxed to the Practice"

TEMPORARY RESIDENT PAYMENTS (GMS PRACTICES)

GMS Practices should by now have received a letter from Clive Newman explaining that the PCT/Cluster made an error in their calculation of the fairer funding basket of services (BOS) by including average payments for temporary residents (TRs).

Because they were not included in the negotiations, TRs should have been payments on top of the BOS. To rectify this, the Cluster have agreed not to reclaim from those Practices who shouldn't have received TR payments (or indeed as much payment), and also to repay a total of £84,000 to practices who in fact had higher numbers of TRs than the average that had been paid within the BOS allocation.

Advertisements

**CRAGS HEALTHCARE
PART-TIME SALARIED GP REQUIRED
To work three sessions per week.
Days and salary to be negotiated.**



GMS practice, 5500 patients, SystemOne. Consistent high QOF achiever. Rural Practice near Worksop. Informal enquiries and visits welcome.

Please contact Practice Manager, Barbara Prince at the Creswell Surgery 0844 576 9464 or by email Barbara.prince@nhs.net

**THE FRIENDLY FAMILY SURGERY BOLSOVER
CHESTERFIELD
Flexible GP for 6 – 8 sessions**

Due to a retirement we are looking for an enthusiastic and flexible GP for 6 – 8 sessions in our practice, which is committed to delivering high quality care for 4500 patients.

- * 2 Partner Practice and salaried doctor,
- * Consistent high QOF achiever,
- * Fully computerised with Emis LV going shortly to Emis Web.

Informal visits and telephone calls welcome. Please contact Elizabeth Birkin on 01246 826815 or contact via email to elizabeth.birkin@nhs.net

**WILLINGTON SURGERY
FULL TIME GP PARTNER, 8 SESSIONS
(7 clinical administration)**

Willington is a friendly, forward thinking, 6 partners (4.75 WTE), GMS practice with 8100 patients. We work collaboratively with Derby Commissioning Network, have EMIS PCS clinical system (Looking to move to EMIS Web) and a supportive multidisciplinary team

Planning has been approved and formalities are well under way, for a new surgery to be built nearby, by summer 2013. Located between Derby and Burton-on-Trent, easily accessible via the A38 & A50. Informal visits are welcome.

Please apply in writing with CV to Louise Scheck, Practice Manager, 4 Repton Road, Willington, Derby. DE65 6BX. 01283 703318. Web site www.willingtonsurgery.co.uk
Closing date: 29th February 2012

**VILLAGE SURGERY, DERBY
Partner ¾ time (6 sessions)**

We are a friendly practice in a new building providing high standards of care to our 11,000 patients. Due to an impending retirement, we are seeking a new ¾ time (6 sessions) partner. We are a SystmOne practice, high QOF earners and there is no requirement to buy into premises. Want to find out more? Please contact: Mike Carey, Practice Manager, Village Surgery, Browning Street, Derby, DE23 8AL. 01332 777072 Email: mikecarey@nhs.net and visit our website at www.villagesurgery.org.uk. Informal visits and discussions prior to application are welcome.
Closing date for CV applications: Friday, 2nd March 2012

CONDOM DISTRIBUTION SCHEME

The LMC agreed to investigate best prices for the purchase of condoms in preparation for the re-distribution of the funds for such being allocated to Practices direct from April 2012. MidMeds through the LMC Buying Group offer 114 Mates condoms for £13.18 (incl vat) or 144 Durex extra safe condoms for £14.84. Please contact the Buying Group direct: <http://www.lmcbuyinggroups.co.uk/suppliers/>

SALARIED / SESSIONAL GPS

The LMC has been asked to remind GP Practices that there is a model Contract in the GMS Contract Blue Book that should provide the basic conditions for any Contract of Employment offered to an employed, as opposed to partnered, GP.

SCHOOL SICKNESS REQUESTS

Derbyshire County Council have recently developed a new internal policy requiring absent pupils to get a GP to sign a DCC form confirming student absence. Discussion is currently ensuing with them, however, meanwhile, you are reminded that you DO NOT HAVE TO SIGN these as they are not part of a GPs Contractual requirements.

**CONTROLLED DRUGS REGULATIONS
APPLICABLE TO ENGLAND**

A question was raised recently about controlled drugs prescribing and regulations. There is an excellent article giving a good overview them available at <http://rcgp-innovait.oxfordjournals.org/content/1/2/163.full>

For further information the following links may also be useful:

- Dangerous Drugs primary regulations**
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2001/3998/made>
- Controlled Drugs Amendment** <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2006/1450/made>
- Misuse of Drugs (Amendment)**
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2006/986/made>
- Misuse of Drugs (Supply to addicts)**
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2005/2864/made>
- Control of Drugs & Midwives**
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2001/3998/made>

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