

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEES, 9-10 JUNE 2010

The Annual Conference took place at the beginning of June in London, four representatives from Derbyshire attended: Drs Peter Williams (Chair), Dr Grenville (Secretary), Dr John Ashcroft (Officer) and Dr Paul Weston-Smith (Committee member).

From the hundreds of Motions submitted nationally, one of Derbyshire's motions (presented by Dr John Grenville to the Conference) was carried unanimously:

"That conference calls upon the Secretary of State to exercise his powers under Section 24(3)(b) of the Coroners Act 1988 to ensure that all local authorities set reasonable rates for coroners to remunerate GPs for the provision of reports regarding deceased patients and request the GPC to work, where necessary with other interested parties, to develop an approach to the Secretary of State on this matter".

Other Agenda items included:

- * The NHS in economic crisis
- * NHS reforms / Health and Social Care Bill
- * The market and any willing provider
- * The Reach of General Practice
- * Care Pathways
- * Private fees / NHS work
- * Care Quality Commission
- * QOF
- * OOH
- * Patient Registration
- * Revalidation
- * IM&T
- * Pensions
- * Medical Certificates and Reports

Debate will ensue about the response of the Government to the issues discussed above at the next Derbyshire LMC meeting on 7th July.

UNDERTAKING PRIVATE PROCEDURES FOR NHS PATIENTS

This has been a bone of contention for many years. This year Derbyshire was one of several LMC's that submitted Motions to the Annual Conference of LMC's suggesting that, with the increasing decommissioning of various procedures on the NHS, Practices should be enabled to provide those procedures privately for their NHS patients. The Motions were not carried. Virtually the whole of the first day of the Conference was spent setting out the Profession's opposition to the Governments privatisation agenda and Conference felt that it would then look inappropriate to pass a resolution on the second day asking for GPs to be able to undertake more private work. There will, therefore, be no change to the current position, namely that practices must not charge their patients for any form of treatment unless it is specifically defined in Schedule 5 of the GMS Regulations or Schedule 3 of the PMS Regulations.

CQC REGISTRATION—WILL I NEED TO REGISTER BY 2012?

The Department of Health have launched a six week consultation on a proposal for delaying the start of the CQC registration for GP practices until April 2013, while proposing that the registration of Out of Hours providers and NHS walk-in centres should still go ahead in April 2012.

In the consultation, they have said that they remain committed to bringing GP practices into the registration system operated by the CQC, but that a delay would provide the opportunity to ensure that the CQC's systems, tools and processes have been refined in the light of the experience of the earlier registration rounds and piloting with primary medical services providers.

Whilst the proposed delay is welcome, the GPC remain concerned about the additional and unnecessary administrative burden that the current process will create, as well as the fee, which is regarded by some as a tax on GP income, with no value to GPs at considerable added cost and inconvenience. The GPC will be submitting a full response to the consultation in due course.

The GPC advise that:

NO PRACTICE SHOULD DO ANYTHING ABOUT REGISTERING, OR THEIR STAFF ENTER INTO ANY KIND OF AGREEMENT WITH ANY THIRD PARTY TO DO SO AT THE PRESENT TIME.

The Consultation is available at:

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/consultations/liveconsultations/DH_127174

CQC Toolkit Guidance from the GPC is available at:

http://www.bma.org.uk/employmentandcontracts/independent_contractors/cqcregistrationtoolkit.jsp

CHIP AND PIN

The Cheque Guarantee Card Scheme ends on 30 June 2011. As a consequence, some dispensing practices maybe contemplating installing Chip and Pin machines to receive payment from their NHS patients for the payment of NHS prescriptions. We would like to remind you that practices cannot charge their NHS patients towards the administration of the chip and pin costs. The regulations regarding this can be found under Part 5 Contracts: Required Terms, Fees and Charges Paragraph 24 of the NHS GMS Regulations 2004 and for PMS practices under Fees and Charges paragraph 15 of the NHS (PMS) Regulations 2004. If a practice wants to introduce chip and pin machines, the cost of these will have to be financed by the practice as a business expense.

For dispensing practices, however, selling certain permitted Over the Counter (OTC) medications such as Calpol etc, are permitted to make a small charge to their NHS patients towards the administration of the chip and pin.

Advertisements

IVY GROVE SURGERY, RIPLEY LONG TERM LOCUM

We are looking for a locum to work on a Wednesday (if possible, although a Monday would be acceptable) to cover morning surgery (8.30 am to 11.30 am), visits and evening surgery (4.00 pm - 6.00 pm). We are looking for someone to start asap as this is to cover one of our partners who is involved with commissioning.

Contact Details: Charmagne Stephenson on 01773 514130

OVERDALE MEDICAL PRACTICE, DERBY / NOTTS PART TIME SALARIED GP REQUIRED (4 SESSIONS/WEEK)

We are a friendly, progressive, GMS practice situated mid-way between Derby and Nottingham. 10,500 patients, seven GPs and six nurses including two nurse practitioners and a nurse specialist in diabetes. Our workload is well controlled by a highly effective triage system and we have a low visiting rate. SystemOne. Due to a retirement, we are, ideally, looking for a GP to work four sessions a week:

- * 7 weeks holiday p.a. (including study leave)
- * Excellent remuneration package, including defence fees.
- * No weekends or extended hours.
- * Teaching practice.

For further information please contact our Practice Manager, Mrs Fiona Bolstridge on 01332 280800 or at F.bolstridge@nhs.net. Informal phone discussions and visits are encouraged with applications in writing with CV. Closing date for applications: 1st September 2011 with a view to starting on 1st January 2012 but earlier starts considered.

PARK VIEW MEDICAL CENTRE LONG EATON NG10 3RJ - SALARIED GP VACANCY

We have a purpose built, new medical centre, in a pleasant locality. We are looking for someone enthusiastic who would like to develop modern practice their own way. To someone it could be a dream come true. 7 sessions a week, salaried position with a view. All the usual trimmings. Still interested? Please apply in writing to Debra Lewsley with CV and references. Informal visits welcome with prior appointment, Tel: 0115 946 2690.

MOSS VALLEY MED. PRACTICE, N.DERBYSHIRE PART-TIME GP LOCUM REQUIRED TO COVER MATERNITY LEAVE. STARTING OCTOBER 2011 FOR 6 MONTHS

We are looking for an enthusiastic GP locum to join our friendly team, 8300 patients, SystemOne.

- * 24 hours per week (job-share also considered)
- * RCGP QPA practice
- * Teaching Practice with Registrars, Foundation Doctors Medical Students

Informal enquiries and visits welcome, please contact Susan Airns, Practice Secretary, on 01246 439103. Please send your CV together with a covering letter stating why you are interested in this vacancy to Susan Airns, Practice Secretary susan.airns@nhs.net. Informal enquiries and visits welcome 01246 439103. Closing date 15 July 2011. Interviews will be held week commencing 25 July 2011.

BRIBERY ACT 2010

The Government has published guidance on the Bribery Act 2010 which is available at: <http://www.justice.gov.uk/news/press-releases/moj/press-release-300311a.htm>

The guidance is intended to help organisations understand the legislation and deal with the risks of bribery. The Act comes into force on 1st July 2011.

CLINICAL WASTE SELF AUDIT TRAINING - 50% REIMBURSEMENT

The demand for the clinical waste self audit training was so high that the LMC is offering a 50% reimbursement to those Practices who attended. This reimbursement will be offset against any future LMC training that the Practice workforce attends, unless the Practice contacts the office to request a £5 (per delegate) cheque reimbursement.

CLINICAL WASTE SELF AUDIT - NEXT STEPS?

Complete your clinical waste self audit by the 30th June 2010 and provide a copy to your clinical waste management company by the 1st July 2011. Retain a copy to help to satisfy CQC evidence requirements.

WHAT IS HAZARDOUS WASTE?

Find out more at www.environment-agency.gov.uk/static/documents/GEHO0506BKTR-e-e.pdf

PURPLE BINS - CITY PRACTICES ONLY

City practices had two small purple bins ordered for them by the PCT. If more than two are required or larger ones, please ask your driver when they collect/drop. Alternatively you can contact:

derick.campbell@derwentsharedservices.nhs.uk or

lynn.judge@derwentsharedservices.nhs.uk.

All bins have a 3 month shelf life and you should not need one in every room.

IDEAS FOR FUTURE TRAINING

We were extremely pleased with the feedback regarding the quality and relevance of the clinical waste self audit training and as a body, the LMC are here to help practices to meet their specific organisational training needs. Any ideas for future training please email Kate or Lisa.

NHS CHOICES WEBSITE

To clarify the procedures in place when practices are notified of a comment pertaining to them. An alert is sent to the named recipient at the practice in question, then there are two options:

1. Post a reply, in order to put across the practice's views and deal with any issues raised. This will appear immediately below the original comment.
2. Report the comment to the website moderator as unsuitable.

NHS Choices have a 'comments policy' on their website where practices can flag comments they deem unsuitable and require reviewing by a moderator.

Latest advice - Past month GPC information:

- * Patient Participation DES Guidance
- * Quality and Productivity Guidance

Further details from the LMC office or www.bma.org.uk

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