

Worcestershire and Herefordshire Local Medical Committees Ltd NEWSLETTER

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LOCUM REIMBURSEMENT

The LMC is aware in neighbouring areas that a number of practices have been inappropriately denied locum reimbursement by the local NHS England team when GPs have come back from sick leave on phased return for a limited number of weekly sessions.

Their LMC has challenged this with NHS England's national leadership through the GPC. NHS England has now fully conceded the LMC's position that practices must be reimbursed, in line with the stipulations of the Statement of Financial Entitlements (SFE) for all sessions where cover is required when a GP returns from sickness absence on reduced sessions.

Please advise the LMC if your practice has any issues with receiving the locum reimbursement it believes it is legally entitled to.

LMC BUYING GROUP

New Supplier: Accuro

The LMC Buying Group's newest supplier, Accuro, can offer practices a secure and cost-effective way to transcribe dictation and all members can try the service for free!

The service allows practices to 'pay as they go' which means there's no need

for dictation transcription to get backed up anymore when in-house staff are away from work.

Accuro are General Practice specialists that have a core team of 450 UK based transcribers, who are rigorously vetted and audited throughout their time with Accuro. They employ medical secretaries with knowledge of complex terminology including orthopaedics, cardiology, ENT, urology, dermatology, oncology, gastroenterology and radiology. Accuro also employs a team of professional editors to ensure that complete transcripts are produced to an exact customer requirement with maximum accuracy.

To find out more visit the Buying Group website:
<https://lmcbuyinggroups.co.uk/suppliers/transcription-services>.

Advertise your practice vacancies for free through the Buying Group's new jobs page

The LMC Buying Group has launched a new service for members which will allow practices to advertise any vacancies (clinical or non-clinical roles) on a national platform for free. To advertise your vacancy with the Buying Group, visit the website: <https://lmcbuyinggroups.co.uk/job-vacancies/gp-practice/uk>.

Important Note about GDPR

The upcoming changes to data protection regulations (GDPR) will affect any organisation that holds 'personal data'.

The only personal data that the LMC Buying Group holds about its members is a name and email address of a main practice contact for a member practice. This information provides the Buying Group with an easy way to contact a member if there is an issue with your practice's membership or if the Buying Group needs to communicate important information such as the recent changes to flu vaccine policy.

However, due to the GDPR regulations on personal data being more prescriptive than the current DPA rules, we need **ALL** members to re-register with us (if you haven't done so already). You can re-register through the Buying Group website: <https://lmcbuyinggroups.co.uk/members/>

GDPR SEMINAR

As you will be aware the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) comes into force on May 25th and presents a significant challenge to Practices as well as many other organisations.

As a way of assisting Practices with this the Worcestershire LMC has arranged an external expert, Shanee Baker from LMC LAW, to come to present on the GDPR.

Details are as below:

Date: Tuesday 8th May 2018
Times To start promptly at 7.30pm
Coffee to be served From 7.00pm
Venue: Charles Hasting Education Centre
Worcestershire Royal Acute Hospital

We strongly recommend that every Practice sends their Practice Manager to this event and ideally a GP as well. We are hope that as many of you as possible can attend.

This event is open to all so please feel free to publicise within all of your practices. We would be grateful if you could confirm the number attending from each of your practices to give us an idea of numbers for refreshments.

We look forward to hearing from you with the numbers attending

WORCESTERSHIRE ISSUES

REFERRALS TO THE UMBRELLA PATHWAY

The LMC has had discussion with Worcestershire County Council regarding recent changes to the Umbrella Pathway which has been directly communicated to practices. It has become clear in discussions that in some cases schools are inappropriately directing parents to their GPs when these are matters that the school should deal with. Clearly, GPs, in most cases, are not in a position to fully complete the Umbrella Pathway Referral Form. Schools have been made aware of the new referral guidance and in many such cases it is appropriate if the parents are referred back to the schools. If practices are having schools repeatedly not taking on this responsibility please inform the LMC and we can pass this information onto the County Council.

Clearly, referrals to a specific service appropriate to the child's presenting need such as speech, language or feeding problems are something that GPs can deal with and can make appropriate referrals.

SHARED CARE AGREEMENTS

For a considerable period of time Worcestershire LMC has been unhappy with the so called Shared Care Policy that exists in Worcestershire. Interestingly, the matter has now come to the fore with our neighbours and there are serious concerns in Warwickshire and the matter was also discussed at Herefordshire LMC's last meeting. NHS England has published a very detailed and explicit policy document entitled "Responsibility for Prescribing between Primary and Secondary/Tertiary Care" (please see link below.)

This details quite specifically how these issues need to be addressed. It is very apparent that this is a matter that CQC are taking very seriously and is coming up at inspections locally. The LMC has requested a meeting of the appropriate representatives from the Acute Trust, Health and Care Trust and the CCG to formalise and bring the system up-to-date. If any GPs are interested in this area and wish to make any comments or input into the discussions please contact the office.

DOCMAN10

Many practices have had some technical issues with Docman10 the new paperless system implemented and this is having a negative impact on the productivity of some practices. This is because of log in problems and slow functionality.

If practices are having issues these should be reported to Allyn Thompson on allyn.thompson1@nhs.net at the CSU as he is the person managing the Docman 10 migration project.

HEREFORDSHIRE UPDATE

The LMC is pleased to report the Dr Richard Dales has been elected again as Secretary and Dr Nigel Fraser had been elected as Chairman again at our recent AGM. Dr Jonathan Sleath steps down as Vice Chairman and the LMC thanks him for all his support to the committee over the years.

The LMC also thanks Herefordshire Healthwatch for their recent report into GP access and looks forward to working with them over their findings.

LMC WEBSITE

The following guidance has been added to the LMC website www.worcslmc.co.uk during the last month:

BMA/GPC:

[Human papillomavirus \(HPV\) vaccine, adolescent females: PGD template](#)

[Human papillomavirus \(HPV\) vaccine for MSM: PGD template](#)

[NHS primary care medical services in institutions and care homes in the UK](#)

[GPC News – 20th March 2018](#)

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The next LMC meetings will be:

Worcestershire – 10th May 2018
Herefordshire – 30th May 2018