

SHEFFIELD LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE

NEWSFLASH

GP CONTRACT CHANGES

GPC SURVIVAL GUIDE UPDATE

As noted in the LMC Newsflash issued on 26 March 2013, the General Practitioners Committee (GPC) is in the process of producing guidance on the GP contract changes in the form of a survival guide. Parts of this guide have recently been made available as follows:

CHANGES TO ENHANCED SERVICES: There will be significant new work introduced through 4 new enhanced services:

- Risk Profiling and Care Management Enhanced Service
<http://bma.org.uk/practical-support-at-work/contracts/gp-contract-survival-guide/survival-guide-des-risk-profiling>
- Facilitating Timely Diagnosis and Support for People with Dementia Enhanced Service
<http://bma.org.uk/practical-support-at-work/contracts/gp-contract-survival-guide/survival-guide-des-dementia>
- Improving Patient Online Access Enhanced Service
<http://bma.org.uk/practical-support-at-work/contracts/gp-contract-survival-guide/survival-guide-des-online-access>
- Remote Care Monitoring (preparation) Enhanced Service
<http://bma.org.uk/practical-support-at-work/contracts/gp-contract-survival-guide/survival-guide-des-remote-monitoring>

In addition, NHS Employers (NHSE) and NHS England have issued a new guide that includes clinical enhanced services, as well as enhanced services on immunisation, dementia, risk profiling, remote monitoring and online patient access care. A copy of the guide can be downloaded from the GPC website at:
<http://bma.org.uk/-/media/Files/PDFs/Practical%20advice%20at%20work/Contracts/gpenhancedservicesguidance201314nhse.pdf>

CHANGES TO LOCUM PENSION ARRANGEMENTS: From 1 April 2013, GP practices took on the costs of locum employer's pension contributions formerly paid by primary care organisations:

- Locum Employer's Pension Contributions: Advice for Locums
<http://bma.org.uk/practical-support-at-work/contracts/gp-contract-survival-guide/survival-guide-locum-superannuation-locums>
- Locum Employer's Pension Contributions: Advice for Practices
<http://bma.org.uk/practical-support-at-work/contracts/gp-contract-survival-guide/survival-guide-locum-superannuation-practices>

CHANGES TO PRACTICE FUNDING AND FINANCE: There will be minor changes to contract pricing as a result of a below-inflation 'uplift', Contractor Population Index (CPI) and locum superannuation changes.

- Funding and Finance
<http://bma.org.uk/practical-support-at-work/contracts/gp-contract-survival-guide/survival-guide-funding-and-finance>

CHANGES TO VACCINATIONS AND IMMUNISATIONS: There are new arrangements for vaccination and immunisation programmes for rotavirus and shingles from July 2013.

- Vaccinations and Immunisations
<http://bma.org.uk/practical-support-at-work/contracts/gp-contract-survival-guide/survival-guide-vaccinations-and-immunisations>

It is essential that GPs and Practice Managers understand these changes and consider how the changes will affect them and their practice.

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