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ACTIVITY UPDATE: JULY TO DECEMBER 2011

Over the years the LMC Executive has received numerous requests for more information about the work of the LMC, the types of issues and negotiations the LMC is automatically involved in and those that practices might request assistance with.

As a result we produced *A Guide to Your Local Medical Committee*, available via:
<http://www.sheffield-lmc.org.uk/Downloads/LMC%20Guide.pdf>.

More recently, it has been suggested that whilst the guide gives a general overview of the LMC, it does not offer any specific examples of pieces of work, areas of expertise etc.

Therefore, it was agreed that a new publication should be produced, the first edition of which is *Activity Update July to December 2011*.

A copy of the Activity Update was emailed to all represented GPs and Practice Managers on Monday 9 January 2012.

Further copies can be downloaded from the *LMC Reports* section of the LMC website at:

<http://www.sheffield-lmc.org.uk/Reports/SLMC%20Activity%20Update%20Jul-Dec11.pdf>

In addition, hard copies can be requested from the LMC office via email to:
administrator@sheffieldlmc.org.uk.

We hope that GPs and Practice Managers will find the update interesting and helpful in knowing what role the LMC plays in local negotiations and how we can assist practices.

The aim is to continue to produce these updates at regular intervals.

We would, of course, be keen to receive any feedback, suggestions for future editions etc via email to:
manager@sheffieldlmc.org.uk

PRIVATE FOSTERING

Following a number of queries from practices, LMC and Sheffield City Council (SCC) representatives met to clarify the role of private foster carers and SCC requests for medical information identifying concerns regarding safeguarding.

Agreement was reached on:

- the circumstances in which SCC would contact GPs,
- what information would be requested,
- the circumstances in which a fee could be charged.

As a result of the above, guidance has been produced for Sheffield GPs, which can be downloaded from the *LMC Guidance* section of the LMC website at:

<http://www.sheffield-lmc.org.uk/lmc%20guidance/Private%20Fostering.pdf>

NEW MEDICINE SERVICE

As you will be aware from the November 2011 edition of the LMC newsletter, the New Medicine Service commenced on 1 October 2011.

This is a national initiative involving pharmacies, whereby patients started on new medications in 4 disease groups are recruited and followed up to try to improve medicines adherence and compliance and decrease NHS waste.

As a result, practices may receive feedback forms from local pharmacists.

LMC Executive representatives met with Sheffield Local Pharmaceutical Committee (LPC) representatives and Peter Magirr (Head of Medicines Management, NHSS), to discuss this initiative just prior to it commencing in Sheffield.

It was agreed that we should meet again to discuss any issues or concerns that GPs or pharmacists might have with this new service.

Therefore, it would be appreciated if any comments that GPs would like feeding into this meeting could be forwarded to the LMC office via: administrator@sheffieldlmc.org.uk.

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Ian Atkinson, Chief Operating Officer, NHS Sheffield (NHSS) attended the October 2011 meeting of the full LMC to update members on the development of the Sheffield NHS Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

Members requested that some form of regular publication is produced to update Sheffield GPs on these developments.

Subsequently, Issue 1 of the CCG's newsletter was distributed to practices via NHSS's e-bulletin w/e 23 December 2011.

It is hoped that Sheffield GPs will find this publication informative and that further editions will follow in due course.

**PRACTICE NURSE
INDEMNITY**

Following the article in the November 2011 edition of the LMC newsletter, advising practices to check their indemnity arrangements, concerns have been raised with the LMC that some practices might not be aware of the full implications of the changes.

The Royal College of Nursing (RCN) wrote to their members last year, informing them that indemnity for work undertaken in practices will be provided through the employers' indemnity policy, rather than through the RCN, from 1 January 2012.

A copy of the letter can be downloaded from the RCN website at: http://www.rcn.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0019/404416/Indemnity_letter.pdf.

Further information can be found on the RCN website at: http://www.rcn.org.uk/support/legal/changes_to_indemnity_scheme_january_2012

All practices must contact their policy provider and make the necessary amendments to ensure that the work carried out by their practice nurses is appropriately covered.

**SESSIONAL GPs:
ALL YOU WANT TO KNOW,
ALL YOU WANT TO ASK**

Friday 23 March 2012

*BMA House, Tavistock Square,
London*

This one day conference aims to offer expert advice, practical information and guidance to support all sessional GPs in making the most of their careers.

The conference will address issues such as:

- pensions,
- appraisal and revalidation,
- making successful career choices.

There will also be breakout groups on topics such as:

- CV writing,
- interview skills,
- working as a locum GP,
- employment law
- negotiating skills.

To register your interest in the conference and receive further

information as soon as it becomes available, please email: confunit@bma.org.uk.

For any further questions, please contact:

BMA Conferences
Tel: 020 7383 6137 or 6923.

Please forward any articles, comments etc for inclusion in the LMC newsletter to the LMC office via:

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