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REQUESTS FOR HOUSING REPORTS / REFERENCES

Our guidance on requests for reports and references in relation to housing has been updated and can be accessed via:

[https://www.sheffield-lmc.org.uk/website/IGP217/files/Requests%20for%20Housing%20Medical%20Reports%20&%20References%20\(Sept19\).pdf](https://www.sheffield-lmc.org.uk/website/IGP217/files/Requests%20for%20Housing%20Medical%20Reports%20&%20References%20(Sept19).pdf)

The guidance covers:

- Sheffield City Council (SCC) requests for medical reports;
- SCC Rehousing Services requests for professional references;
- Housing Association requests for medical reports.

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REPORTING DEATHS TO THE CORONER

Information provided by Debbie Swales, Business Manager, Sheffield Medico-legal Centre

The Government has announced new legislation which, for the first time, places a duty upon doctors to refer certain deaths to the coroner. A link to the Statutory Instrument, which takes effect from 1 October 2019, can be found here:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2019/1112/made>

This does not bring any changes to the types of death that you will be used to referring, however, there will be an expectation that deaths are reported in writing rather than on the telephone as commonly happens now. In view of this, an online referral system will be introduced over the next few months. Further information can be found at:

<https://www.sheffield-lmc.org.uk/website/IGP217/files/Reporting%20Deaths%20to%20the%20Coroner.pdf>

More detailed information will be provided in due course.

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SUTURE DRUG TARIFF UPDATE

Information submitted by Dr Soon Lim, President and Education Lead, Association of Surgeons in Primary Care (ASPC)

Further to the articles in the December 2018 and April 2019 LMC Newsletters, practices which carry out minor surgery and wish to continue to claim for the sutures used need to be aware of the following update:

Dr Lim circulated product codes for the reimbursable Ethilon® sutures used by GPs in minor surgery as personally administered items: [https://www.sheffield-lmc.org.uk/website/IGP217/files/Suture%20Tariff%202018%20\(revised\).pdf](https://www.sheffield-lmc.org.uk/website/IGP217/files/Suture%20Tariff%202018%20(revised).pdf)

At the time, NHS Business Services Authority had not registered these new codes despite the fact that the online shops were selling these sutures under the new codes. EMIS Web and SystemOne had not updated their prescription database, so those using these systems have not been able to generate electronic FP10s with the new product code on.

Those wishing to claim back the tariff price of these sutures whose computer systems have not been updated yet may have to either:

- a) hand write the FP10s, or
- b) alter the printed FP10s by hand.

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CLINICAL PRACTICE RESEARCH DATALINK

Practices are being invited to share their patient databases with Clinical Practice Research Datalink (CPRD): <https://www.cprd.com/>

Practices can expect CPRD to be contacting them and the General Practitioners Committee (GPC) is encouraging practices to participate. The GPC IT policy team have been working with CPRD and are satisfied with their systems. No free text is extracted, nor documents nor associated files, just the coded components. Opt outs, as recorded in the practice database are respected.

Practices will need to carry out a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA), add an entry in their Article 30 processing register (CPRD will provide pre-prepared sample documents for practices to use, which the BMA have seen and reviewed), and ensure privacy notices are up to date and cover the use of patient data for research.

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SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF PRIMARY CARE NETWORKS (PCNs)

*Information provided by Victoria Gaffney, Relationship Manager,
Enterprises and Conferences, Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP)*

With general practice at the very heart of the evolving NHS service delivery, the RCGP is perfectly placed to support and facilitate new models of care, development and transformation. Our expert team of clinical and practice advisers, including GPs, nurses and practice managers, have extensive experience of working with individual practices and at-scale organisations to develop leadership and support organisational, and can work with you and your PCNs as an independent, critical friend to assist you through the next stages of development.

Further information can be found at: www.rcgp.org.uk/pcd.

I would be delighted to discuss our services in more detail and how we can provide you and your PCN with a bespoke programme of support that is responsive to your needs - email me at pcd@rcgp.org.uk or call 020 3188 7637.

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THE PRIMARY CARE (GP) DIGITAL SERVICES OPERATING MODEL 2019-21

NHS England has published Securing Excellence in Primary Care (GP) Digital Services, which outlines the Primary Care (GP) Digital Services Operating Model for 2019-21, setting out the commissioning framework for the provision of high-quality general practice digital services:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/GP-IT-Op-Model-Sept-2019.pdf>

The model embeds the GP IT Futures Framework, nationally commissioned digital solutions and Primary Care Networks, addresses the challenges for digitally enabled general practice and will be supported by a new CCG Practice Agreement.

Further information can be found at:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/digitaltechnology/digital-primary-care/securing-excellence-in-primary-care-digital-services/>

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**BECOMING A QUALITY GP PRACTICE FOR CARERS
MAKE YOUR MARK**

Article submitted by Sara Gowen, Managing Director, Sheffield Young Carers

NHS England has produced a voluntary framework of quality markers for supporting carers in general practice. It outlines a series of clear practical ideas for supporting carers and young carers in your practice. The framework offers the chance to self-assess against a set of quality markers enabling you to highlight the good work you are doing, plus some ideas for development. All framed within the context of supporting the health and wellbeing of your patients who are carers.

A copy of the framework is here:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/supporting-carers-in-general-practice-a-framework-of-quality-markers/>

Please note, the framework is voluntary though that isn't immediately clear on the document. It was co-produced with carers and young carers, Carers Trust, Carers UK and the Children's Society as part of the Government's National Carers Action Plan and the NHS Long Term Plan for Carers.

For local support and information contact:

- Sheffield Carers Centre 0114 278 8942 www.sheffieldcarers.org.uk
- Sheffield Young Carers 0114 258 4595 www.sheffieldyoungcarers.org.uk

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**SESSIONAL GPs E-NEWSLETTER:
AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 2019**

Sessional GP e-newsletters published since the last LMC newsletter can be found on the British Medical Association (BMA) website at:

<https://bma-mail.org.uk/t/JVX-6FJNC-1BJCJOU46E/cr.aspx>

<https://bma-mail.org.uk/t/JVX-6GARN-1BJCJOU46E/cr.aspx>

The main articles include:

- Annualisation: we need answers.
- Should you join your LMC?
- Data sharing agreement guidance.
- New GP earnings report.
- PCNs: will they tackle GPs' unsustainable workload?
- Involving sessional GPs in PCNs.
- The pressure to cope.
- New policy leads for GPC UK.
- Pension age discrimination update.
- HPV vaccine for boys.

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**Please forward any articles for inclusion in the LMC newsletter to
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**Submission deadlines can be found at
<http://www.sheffield-lmc.org.uk/website/IGP217/files/Newsletter%20&%20VB%20Deadlines%202019.pdf>**

**Contact details for Sheffield LMC can be found at:
Executive Officers: <http://www.sheffield-lmc.org.uk/page1.aspx?p=13&t=1>
Secretariat: <http://www.sheffield-lmc.org.uk/page1.aspx?p=13&t=2>**