



A short but hopefully sweet Flyer for December which with luck will arrive in time to wish everyone a Very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful and, fingers crossed, Prosperous New Year

## Why do GPs sometimes Charge Fees?

This very helpful Q&A sheet produced by the BMA has been brought to our attention by a practice. It is available from the BMA website (the bit where you will need a password). It was updated in September 2008 and can be very useful if and when a patient raises issues around paying for non-NHS work. Handing this Q&A paper to your patient may take the heat out of what can sometimes be a difficult situation. If you cannot get on to the BMA website contact the LMC office and we can forward a copy.

### Advertisement

## BECCLES MEDICAL CENTRE Full Time LOCUM PARTNER required

We are looking for a full time locum (to cover unexpected long term sickness) initially for a 3-6 month negotiable period but with the possibility of a permanent partner position after that period as practice already planning to advertise due to impending retirement of another partner.

We are a prescribing-only, PMS practice with a list size of 20,090 patients. We currently have 9 full-time partners, 1 GP assistant, 4 nurse practitioners, 4 practice nurses and 2 HCAs. The practice has a highly effective management team with specialists in business development, IT, HR and project management. We are located in attractive premises within the grounds of the local community hospital near the town centre and are currently working with the PCT and Waveney PBC on a £22million redevelopment project for the primary care and hospital premises.

Further details about this role and the practice can be found on our website at [www.becclesmedical.co.uk](http://www.becclesmedical.co.uk). For informal discussion and/or to arrange a visit please contact Donna Clarke, Practice Manager ([donna.clarke@nhs.net](mailto:donna.clarke@nhs.net)) or Dr Tim Morton ([tim.morton@nhs.net](mailto:tim.morton@nhs.net)) on 01502 712622.

Please send your application letter together with your current CV to: Donna Clarke, Practice Manager, Beccles Medical Centre, St Marys Road, Beccles, Suffolk NR34 9NX

The closing date for applications is **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2009**. Interviews will be arranged for week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2009

## Recruitment & Selection of NCAS Assessors

The LMC office has received a communication from the Head of Education and Support Services at the NPSA. It is currently recruiting for eight to ten GPs who have qualified as doctors outside

the UK to be part of the NCAS Assessor Panel. They need to be available for up to 15 days a year to ensure NCAS provides a service throughout the UK.

The deadline for the current recruitment is 21st January 2009 and the three-day training workshop is scheduled for 18-20 March 2009. Remuneration is £350 per day plus expenses. For an application pack and further information please visit [www.ncas.npsa.nhs.uk/jobs](http://www.ncas.npsa.nhs.uk/jobs).

## "PREVALENCE"

As highlighted in the November flyer Ian Hume wrote to all GPs and Practice Managers about the forthcoming changes to the QOF payments that will be implemented from next April and April 2010 and enclosing a link to a spreadsheet which the BMA believes will give a reasonable approximation of the gains or losses that practices might expect.

He asked any practices that believes it will be a significant "loser" to contact the LMC office.

In the meantime the DoH has issued the following guidance to PCTs:

*"PCOs should work with practices which identify themselves as experiencing a significant loss in their income to understand the impact of the changed arrangements on their current service provision. PCOs will also wish to use the opportunity to consider the local health needs of populations and, working with LMCs and practices, identify whether new services or improvements in care should be commissioned to address these local needs".*

Therefore if you do believe you fall into this category please get in touch with the LMC office and the PCT asap.

## Choose & Book

You are reminded that at the moment the LES for C&B is due to cease at the end of March 2009. The LMC will be advising the PCTs that the LES needs to continue but, if it does not, you might like to think of more valuable work for your practice - and indeed for your patients - that your secretaries could do if you stop this work when the supporting income dries up.

## LMC ELECTION COUNTDOWN

Be There for the 100th Anniversary of LMCs"



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**"Ask Not What Your LMC Can Do For You"**

Well, you all know what the next bit is: "ask what you can do for your LMC." But, you are not being asked to be quite as altruistic as it sounds because, of course, what you do for the LMC will benefit you personally, your practice and your patients, as well as other Norfolk and Waveney GPs and their patients.

The first thing you can do for your LMC is to consider standing and the second is to do it! The third will be to serve from April 2009 to March 2012, the fourth will be to make a difference and the fifth will be to enjoy yourself at the same time. You can do them all.

The next election is for the 2009-2012 LMC. Please consider standing. Simon Lockett, Medical Secretary

## Knowledge Management Wants Your Views

A message from Sarah Dutton, Knowledge Manager, NHS Norfolk:

In order to provide GPs with the resources you need to support your clinical, PBC or CPD activities, the Knowledge Management Service has put together an on-line survey which we hope you will take the time to complete: <http://nww.knowledgenorfolk.nhs.uk/gpsurvey.htm>



This survey aims to determine the types of knowledge resource useful to you, any problems with accessing information, and usage and development requirements of the Knowledge Norfolk website. This is the first of a series of surveys which will inform the development of an overall Knowledge Strategy for NHS Norfolk.

If you wish to think about your responses, you can either print off a copy of the survey, or re-visit the survey. NB the survey not remember responses from one visit to the next, and will only record these once you have clicked on the "complete questionnaire" button.

*LMC Note: Although Knowledge Management is hosted by NHS Norfolk we are aware that many Great Yarmouth & Waveney GPs also make use of it - so this message is meant for everyone.*

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