

# NORFOLK & WAVENEY LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE

Serving the General Practitioners in Norfolk & Waveney



**THE LMC WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

## Dispensing Practices - Processing of Prescriptions



NHS Prescription Services (NHS RxS) will be writing to all Dispensing Practices in England in week commencing 21st December to remind practice's that this month's payment, for prescriptions dispensed in October, will be the first payment where they may be financially affected if a patient or their representative hasn't correctly filled in the sections on a prescription form to declare that they are exempt from charge.

This is because the transitional arrangements that NHS RxS had in place for the first few months' of processing dispensing doctor accounts on its new system came to an end from October. We previously notified you that NHS Prescription Services started processing dispensing doctor accounts on its new system in July this year. The new system is much more effective at identifying if a patient or their representative hasn't correctly filled in the sections on a prescription form to declare that they are exempt from charge. Transitional arrangements were in place between the dispensing months June to September to give dispensing doctors and their practices time to make sure that their procedures for checking patient declarations were robust. The arrangement came to an end from October dispensed prescriptions, and dispensing doctors should receive payment for these prescriptions in December / January from their PCT.

Senior partners will receive separate notification from NHS RxS from 21 December about how many items they have identified and how many charges they have collected.

NHS Prescription Services' helpdesk can give practices guidance on how to sort and submit their accounts, 0845 610 1171. Practices can also test their knowledge with an online quiz [www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/prescriptions/quizzes](http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/prescriptions/quizzes)

## New Vetting and Barring Scheme - Guidance for GPs

This guidance explains the steps that GPs need to take individually and as employers to ensure they comply with Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006.

The guidance is split into the following parts:

- Section A: advice to GMS contractors (except single-handed GP contractors), salaried GPs and Locum GPs
- Section B: advice to single-handed GP contractors and to PMS contractors
- Section C: advice to APMS providers
- Section D: advice to GP partnerships
- Section E: advice to GPs as employers
- Section F: advice to GP practices who engage locum GPs

This guidance is available from the LMC office and will be posted to [www.norfolkwaveneylmc.org.uk](http://www.norfolkwaveneylmc.org.uk)

## CORRECT USE OF CHOOSE & BOOK

This DH/BMA document sets out guidance on the responsibilities and operational requirements for the correct use of Choose and Book.

It helps organisations understand the importance of using Choose and Book correctly to ensure that all patients wherever they are in England experience the same high quality access to NHS care.

This guidance will be available from the LMC office/website: [www.norfolkwaveneylmc.org.uk](http://www.norfolkwaveneylmc.org.uk)

## ACHIEVING A RESPONSIVE PRACTICE

The RCGP invites GPs and PMs to a series of interactive one-day workshops to enable practices to be more responsive to patients needs.

**2nd February 2010, Huntingdon, East of England**

Sessions will include: ♦managing workload and demand ♦making technology work for you ♦marketing your practice

Why should GPs and practice managers attend? ♦5 hours' attendance = 5 CPD credits (10 if you can demonstrate change in your practice)

To book places on this even visit [www.rcgp.org.uk/gpaccess](http://www.rcgp.org.uk/gpaccess)

## GP PARTNERS REQUIRED (1.5 wte) Falkland Surgery, Bradwell

We are looking for new partners to join our flexible, enthusiastic team.  
♦Full time and half time partner but would consider salaried or job share ♦High standards of clinical excellence ♦GMS practice ♦EMIS LV computer system ♦4 partners ♦Consistently high QOF achievement  
♦ Training Practice ♦No OOH but sessions are available  
♦ Full complement of practice and attached staff

Interviews will be held in January 2010. Start date: 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010 but willing to wait.

Applications and references with CV and covering letter to:  
Vanessa Cordingley, Practice Manager, Falkland Surgery, Falkland Way, Bradwell, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, NR31 8RW. Tel: 01493 442233, email: [vanessa.cordingley@nhs.net](mailto:vanessa.cordingley@nhs.net)  
Informal enquiries and visits welcome.

## Wymondham Medical Centre - Locum Cover

We are looking for a locum to cover 5-6 sessions a week for April 2010  
Please contact [kevan.baker@nhs.net](mailto:kevan.baker@nhs.net) or phone 01953 713448

## Dr. Webb & Partners

GMS, dispensing practice operating from two sites, seeks a salaried GP to join the existing team of 7 doctors.

♦Isoft Synergy Premier with Contract+ & Apolloscan document management ♦Nurse led chronic disease management  
♦Practice dispensary and practice owned pharmacy, both under supervision of qualified Pharmacist ♦ 8,200 patients ♦ High QOF achievement ♦No OOH ♦ Attractive salary for the right candidate

The post will consist of: ♦7 sessions per week ♦ 6 weeks holiday per year pro rata ♦1 week study leave per year pro rata  
♦One on call day per week ♦ Expected start date 01.02 2010 but willing to wait for the right candidate.

**Closing Date 8/01/2010**

For information or an informal visit, please contact: Theresa Brennan, on 01362 850227 or email [theresa.brennan@nhs.net](mailto:theresa.brennan@nhs.net)

## Asylsham Surgery: Maternity cover

A locum doctor is needed to cover maternity leave on 10th March 2010. The successful candidate will be required for six months for 2 days a week (Wednesday and Friday).

♦Long established GMS training practice ♦9500 patients, 7 partners (5.5 full time WTE) ♦Fully computerised - EMIS LV  
♦No extended or out of hours ♦Plenty of opportunity for other internal locum work ♦Partners provide medical cover for nearby community hospital in hours.

For information please email: [andrew.coytemckenzie@nhs.net](mailto:andrew.coytemckenzie@nhs.net) or phone on: 01263 738979