

QOF Patient Survey

Practices should have received:

- Template letter prepared by the GPC for practices launching disputes following patient survey results
- Gateway 91615 which clarifies that *there remains provision for PCTs to make discretionary local payments where this is beneficial to the delivery of services and there is an absence of a surgery result or where the result is very low for an individual practice and the PCT can reasonably be assured by other evidence that achieved survey results may be "unduly skewed" from the limited response an individual practice received.....*

The Chairman of the GPC, Dr Laurence Buckman, has again reiterated the importance that every practice that feels that the survey result is inaccurate lodges an appeal as well as signing of its QOF for 2008/9.

Norfolk LMC Buying Group

Most of the paperwork has been completed and heads of agreements with the suppliers signed. Shortly we will be contacting practices with their passwords which will allow them to gain access to the parts of the suppliers sites that contain the preferential terms negotiated on behalf of the Federation of LMC Buying Groups. Look out for letters introducing:

Whittaker Office Solutions (office supplies, equipment and furniture)

MidMeds Limited (medical supplies and consumables and single use instruments)

Medical Insurance Advisory Bureau (general insurance, locum insurance etc)

Tag Medical Ltd (Medical device and instrument calibration and electrical equipment PAT testing)

Untied Utilities Ltd (Savings by brokering the purchase of gas, electricity and phone services)

GP Trainee Survey

A survey is being sent out to GP Trainees (a copy has also gone to each of the VTS Course Organisers in Norfolk and GtY&W) about the work that they carry out whilst in their general practice and hospital placements. The results will be used in the BMA's evidence to the DDRB regarding GP speciality registrar pay. It is vitally important that all GP trainees complete this. If you are a training practice please bring this item to the attention of your GP Registrar. If they haven't received a copy tell them to email the LMC office on www.norfolklmc.org.uk

Cervical Cytology in NHS Norfolk

Following the item in last month's flyer we can now confirm that

- "clinically indicated" has now been removed from the national screening form
- the NNUH has written out saying that "in future the laboratory will not accept *out of programme* samples"

if a patient presents who has no clinical indications but requires the reassurance of an "out of programme" screen they should be referred to a private provider.

Defence Society cover and working for another organisation, eg as a GPwSI

A colleague has been in touch. There seems to be a grey area affecting GPs who also work for NHS Trusts: how much (if any) of their Trust work is covered by the Trusts' NHS indemnity. If you are working for an NHS Trust, may we recommend that you check on this and at the same time, make sure your defence body knows exactly what you are doing to ensure that it will pick up the pieces if the Trust doesn't fully cover you. Also you should check this if you are entering into such a contract.

Child Protection (Norfolk and Great Yarmouth)

NHS Norfolk has sent out Safeguarding Children Information Packs to all Norfolk and Great Yarmouth surgeries. Particularly helpful is the laminated two-sided A4 sheet giving contact points if you are worried a child is being abused. If you want more packs or are salaried or self-employed and have not received one just contact either of the following (by email preferably) and they will be happy to send you a copy. We urge all doctors, particularly those who are not based in practices, to make sure they are fully up to date:

Sue.Buffin@norfolk.nhs.uk 01603 257164
Pat.cole@norfolk.nhs.uk 01603 257167

We also recommend that you visit the Norfolk Local Safeguarding Children Board website, which leads on Children's Services and Child Protection across Norfolk - <http://www.lscb.norfolk.gov.uk/>. We have asked for the LSCB to send out a copy of its April 2009-March 2010 Training Brochure to all practices. The LMC office is working hard to improve links between those organisations responsible for child protection and general practice which seem to have become rather tenuous.

We are assured that links between Waveney practices and the Suffolk LSCB are good but let us know if this is not your experience.

Available
from the
LMC Office

BMA "Developing
general practice:
Listening to Patients"

"Seven Steps to Patient
Safety in General Practice"
National Patient Safety
Agency document

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Mrs Christine Wright, Practice Manager

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Telephone No: 0844 477 8929 christine.wright@nhs.net

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