

MAY 2018 NEWSLETTER

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LMC
GLOUCESTERSHIRE

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Congratulations to all who are making the effort to use the Electronic Referral System (e-RS) in preference to using paper referrals. It really is very helpful when making the transition. Remember that the currently planned switch-off date is 4th June. This date will only slip if there is a significant risk of harm to patients if the date does not slip.

e-RS – Switch-off of Paper referrals

The Trust has started gathering data weekly on which practices have sent and which specialties have received paper referrals and will be encouraging practices to make more use of the Electronic Referral System. So far it seems that 90% or so of referrals are being made through e-RS so we have a good basis to work on. If practices have any difficulties using e-RS or the system is not providing the service you need then please seek help or training. Both are freely available. In particular there is a useful FAQ list accessible via: <https://ccglive.glos.nhs.uk/intranet/index.php/ccg-strategy/e-referral-paper-switch-off>

Membership of the LMC

We are very conscious that more and more GPs are taking up sessional work. Nearly a fifth of GPs working in the county are now locums. Currently we only have one sessional GP (Dr Jethro Hubbard) on our Committee but would be interested in hearing if other sessional GPs might wish to be involved. If you are then do contact the LMC Office.

Sharing of patient information with immigration authorities

Doctors may pass information to the police only if it is formally requested by a court (a court order), or if all of the following apply:

- It is needed for investigation or prevention of a serious arrestable offence, such as armed robbery, murder, terrorism, or child abuse.
- AND It is requested by a senior officer.

Immigration offences are unlikely to meet the criterion in the first bullet point. If approached by the Home Office with a request for patient contact details you must refuse it unless you have the patient's explicit consent or the request is in the form of a court order.

Practice mergers

For the record, with effect from 1st April 2018:

- The three practices in the Aspen Centre, Gloucester (Heathville, London and Barnwood) together with the Saintbridge Surgery have merged to form 'The Aspen Medical Practice'. This is now the biggest practice in the county.
- The Cheltenham Road Surgery and the College Yard & Highnam Surgery have merged as 'The Alney Practice'.

This reduces the number of practices in the county to 76.

GDPR

Dr Paul Cundy has carried out a very detailed research on the General Data Protection Regulation and its impact on practices and has created a blog page with a well-written and often humorous guide. In response to changes he keeps updating it, so it is better to view it on line than to take a copy. If you are seeking guidance on the GDPR this should be your first stop:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/h22kak6pxlt8ily/AAB4gAuHKib_MZ44Xi3AbAf4a?dl=0

A note from the Cameron Fund

"I'm pleased to announce that we have now finalised the 2017 Annual Trustees Report and Financial Statements and I can share some figures with you.

Total income for the year was £465,128, which was higher than 2016. The invested Fund – which accounts for about half of our income – performed well, despite a rather unsteady world economy. All other income comes from LMCs and individuals. Following a large deficit of income over expenditure in 2016, we would like to thank you for all your donations in 2017. Last year we were also grateful to receive a couple of unexpected legacies and a large bequest which has taken more than eight years to process! However, we can't depend on receiving this kind of donation, so please will you continue to support the Fund's vital work?

In 2017 we received applications from 198 individuals (up from 140 in 2016) however, the Fund's overall expenditure was down by over £40,000 compared to 2016. While we strive to keep running costs to a minimum, this decrease actually indicates that we gave less out in grants and loans compared to previous year (£244,600 in 2017 and £356,344 in 2016). This was not a case of the Trustees being prudent. In our Council Meetings new applications, renewals and any further requests are considered by all the Trustees in attendance. Everyone's situation is unique and each application is given careful consideration, with the level of support based on an applicant's financial position at that time.

This year we would like to be much more generous! If you are stressed about financial matters and are in genuine financial need, please don't hesitate to get in touch – or encourage a colleague who might be struggling to give us a call."

The Cameron Fund, BMA House, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JP

Tel: 020 7388 0796

info@cameronfund.org.uk

www.cameronfund.org.uk

New GP Locum A and B forms

You can download the new A and B forms, which must be used from 1 April 2018:

- GP Locum A at:

<https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2018-03/GPLocum%20A%20%28V17%29%20-%2003.2018.pdf>

- GP Locum B at:

<https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2018-03/GPLocum%20B%20%28V17%29%20-%2003.2018.pdf>

Enhanced Services – Care Homes

Curiously, despite the introduction of the enhanced service, there has been a 25% increase in emergency admissions from care homes – the thing that the enhanced service was supposed to reduce. The CCG will therefore be carrying out spot checks to ensure that things are being done in accordance with the intent of the enhanced service. Please ensure that your practice is doing things thoroughly.

Onward internal referrals at a hospital

Reference: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/interface-between-primary-secondary-care.pdf>

For the avoidance of doubt, the following applies to all patients attending any branch of a hospital (including A&E) who may need onward referral. The full detail is set out in [Service](#)

[Conditions 8.2-8.5 of the Contract](#), but the principles, whatever the service affected, are these:

1. If the patient has an **immediate need** for onward referral, the hospital clinician **must** refer on.
2. If the patient has a **non-immediate need** for onward referral, but the onward referral would be **directly related** to the condition or complaint which prompted the original referral (e.g. the patient's presentation at A&E), then the hospital clinician **must** refer on.
3. But if the patient has a **non-immediate need** for onward referral – and if that onward referral would **not be directly related** to the condition or complaint which prompted the original referral (e.g. the patient's presentation at A&E), then the hospital clinician **must not** refer on – rather, they must either refer the patient back to the GP (for the GP to decide what to do) or seek the GP's agreement for the hospital clinician to make the onward referral.

Prescribing overspend

There are currently some quite high overspends of the prescribing budget. Six practices are assisting the CCG to devise methods of support for practices to halt that trend. (This is not in the same vein as, 'helping the police with their enquiries'!)

Sessional GPs

A reminder: the GPC is putting a lot of effort into providing information and assistance to sessional GPs. Your starting point is the web page at:

<https://www.bma.org.uk/collective-voice/committees/general-practitioners-committee/sessional-gps-subcommittee>

Hail and farewell

- The Corinthian Surgery are taking on two new partners, Dr Laura Rummens and Dr Sarah Matharu.
- Dr Judy Thornett, until recently senior partner at the Stow Surgery, has retired.
- Dr Damian Kenny, until recently the senior partner at the Walnut Practice, has also retired.

Job opportunities

A full list of unexpired job adverts is at <http://www.gloslmc.com/blog-job-vacancies.asp> and links to them are also at Annex A for ease of reference.

Max's Musings

I saw on the news, rather aghast, President Trump flicking dandruff off the shoulder of President Macron. 'How rude and presumptuous', I thought. Of course, that may be just my English prudery and self-consciousness kicking in. Later, as I was dozing over a multiplicity of secondary care discharge summaries, I dreamed of what it might be like if someone like Trump were in charge of the NHS. We are accustomed to having very lengthy and detailed policy statements on everything from the future of primary care to the provision of oxygen to the needy. It would hardly surprise me to see an encyclical on the treatment of ingrowing toenails.

How then would we manage with diktat by Tweets? Would the bureaucratic elite in the NHS survive the shock? Could the dramatic changes of policy be endured? And yet we did all right in the Second World War when Churchill demanded that any briefing, no matter how complicated, had to be condensed onto one sheet of paper (admittedly Folio rather than A4). Trump has further condensed things to 140 characters.

But Trump reportedly is not good at receiving briefings. But, Hey! Who needs facts when setting policy anyway?

And, finally, yet another extract from a military officer's report:

"Since my last report he has reached rock bottom and started to dig"



**This newsletter was prepared
by Mike Forster and the staff
of Glos LMC**



[The musings of Max do not necessarily reflect the views of the LMC, which is an entirely apolitical organisation.]

JOB VACANCIES

The full list of current vacancies is at: <http://www.gloslmc.com/blog-job-vacancies.asp>.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE			Date posted	Closing Date
Berkeley Medical Centre	Berkeley, Glos	Part-time GP 3-6 sessions per week	17 Jan 18	Open
Kingsway (New) Health Centre	Gloucester	Looking for GPs	30 Jan 18	Open
GP Retainer Scheme	Gloucestershire	GPs – short-term work for those who need it	28 Feb 18	Open
Aspen Medical Practice	Gloucester	General Practitioner Opportunities	14 Mar 18	Open
Underwood Surgery	Cheltenham	GP Partner: October 2018	21 Mar 18	01 May 18
Rendcomb Surgery	Rendcomb	Salaried GP with view to Partnership	27 Mar 18	Open
Chipping Campden Surgery	Chipping Campden	Salaried GP/ANP	24 April 18	31 May 18

ELSEWHERE

Burnham & Berrow Medical Centre	Somerset	GP Partner or Salaried GP	10 Jan 18	Open
Crest Family Practice	Knowle, Bristol	Salaried GP and Salaried GP Maternity Locum	31 Jan 18	Open
Frome Medical Practice	Somerset	Locum GP	19 Mar 18	Open
Barn Close Surgery	Broadway, North Cotswolds	Salaried GP	27 Mar 18	12 May 18
Kingskerwell & Ipplepen Medical Practice	Devon	Practice Nurse & Advanced Nurse Practitioner	11 April 18	30 April 18
The Vauxhall Practice	Chepstow	Salaried GP: Up to 8 sessions	17 April 18	31 May 18

REMINDER: *If you are advertising with us and fill the vacancy please let us know so we can take the advert down*



The Vauxhall Practice

Vauxhall Lane, Chepstow, Monmouthshire NP16 5PZ

Tel: 01291 636100 Fax: 01291 627975

Salaried GP – Up to 8 Sessions

Due to the planned retirement of a longstanding GP partner, we are looking to recruit salaried doctors to cover up to 8 sessions with the option of partnership in the future.

This is an opportunity for motivated and enthusiastic doctors to enjoy family practice. We are committed to high quality collaborative patient care. Present partners' interests include therapeutics, teaching, research, ENT, women's health and family planning, musculoskeletal medicine and osteopathy, and we encourage new staff to develop their special interests.

- Seven doctored (WTE 5.0) practice looking after 8,700 patients in a well-connected, historic town in the Wye Valley
- High QOF achievement and excellent prescribing record
- Good continuity of care and job satisfaction
- EMIS web paperless system
- IT Pilot Practice
- Advanced nurse practitioner, clinical pharmacists and full nursing team
- Innovative GP first access appointment system
- Part dispensing
- Teaching medical students
- We are research active
- Purpose built practice owned premises
- Six weeks' annual leave + one week's study leave
- 5 minutes from motorway links, within easy commuting distance of Bristol or Cardiff
- Good local schools

Come and join us and be the GP you always wanted to be!

Apply by email or post with CV and covering letter to: Joanne Kent, Practice Manager, The Vauxhall Practice, Vauxhall Lane, Chepstow NP16 5PZ

Email: joanne.kent@wales.nhs.uk

Informal visits and enquiries welcomed: Telephone 01291 636100

Website: www.vauxhallpractice.co.uk

Application closing date: 31st May 2018

Start date: Summer/Autumn 2018 (prepared to wait for the right candidate)



Chipping Campden Surgery Gloucestershire

www.chippingcampdensurgery.co.uk

Salaried GP/Advanced Nurse Practitioner vacancy

4-6 sessions per week
with option to increase hours with internal locum cover

Share of usual admin tasks and on-call including telephone triage

Situated in the beautiful North Cotswold town of Chipping Campden
Friendly, welcoming, cohesive and proactive GMS team with a sense of humour, who
embrace change and work collaboratively with North Cotswold's locality practices.

5,000 list size

Dispensing practice

High achievement of targets

CQC inspected and rated Good

Excellent patient survey results; good reputation locally

Undergraduate teaching

Systemone clinical system

**You would be joining one full time partner, two half time partners, a part-time
Salaried GP and an excellent nursing and administrative team who are
committed to providing outstanding, compassionate clinical care.**

Details and application forms/informal visits:

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Chipping Campden Surgery

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Closing Date: 31 5 18