



## Beds & Herts LMC Ltd

### Update for Practices: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020

#### Update on GP services for 2020/21

NHSE/I has released its next [letter regarding arrangements for practices for the rest of 2020/21](#). Richard Vautrey, GPC Chair, has summarised the letter below but we advise practices to read the letter in full. We are told that further guidance will be provided in the coming weeks, specifically regarding appraisal, QOF and funding arrangements, following further discussions between GPC and NHSE/I. We will send out further updates as soon as possible.

- Continued suspension of appraisal and revalidation. The GPC is working with NHSE/I and others on a much more proportionate and supportive appraisal process and will provide details about this shortly
- QOF will recommence from 1 July (focussing on flu, prescribing, screening and maintaining registers, as well as modified QI indicators to focus on returning services to patients with cancer or learning disabilities) with income protection for those indicators that have not been prioritised for return, and an expectation that practices will discuss their approach to prioritising clinical care with the CCG. We are told that QOF guidance to support this approach will be produced very soon but in summary the points relating to influenza and cervical smear targets will be doubled to 58, the points for quality improvement (74), prescribing indicators (44) and disease registers (81) will remain the same and the other indicators (310) will have income protection. Income related to this element of QOF will be paid based on historic achievement. GPC and NHSE/I are working on how that will be calculated. GPC encourages practices to use their professional judgement in their management of patients with long term conditions, to do what they can within their capacity and capability over the coming months, and by doing so demonstrate that, even at times such as this, the delivery of good quality care is not dependent on contractual requirements.
- Practices should return to providing new patient reviews, routine medication reviews, over-75 health checks, clinical reviews of frailty, shingles vaccinations, and PPG arrangements
- The worklist process from the COVID Clinical Assessment Service (CCAS) will be maintained at 1 per 500 in order to ensure any local outbreaks and any second wave might be managed without requiring further changes
- Friends and Family tests, and the requirement for consent for Electronic Repeat Dispensing (ERD) remain suspended
- The Investment and Impact Fund for PCNs will begin in October, but details of exactly what is to be delivered are still being discussed
- The Dispensing Services Quality Scheme (DSQS) will return from August for dispensing practices
- Encouragement for PCNs to continue with their recruitment (and provides further assurances around liabilities)
- Commissioners are encouraged to reinstate LESs/LISs in an appropriate and controlled way
- Arrangements for local outbreaks should they occur
- Income protection and further funding implications are outlined, although further discussion on funding is ongoing

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