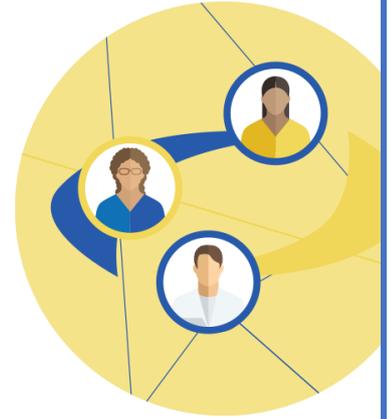


Beds & Herts LMC Ltd: Weekly Update for Practices, 22nd November 2021



1. New Chair of GPC England

Dr Farrah Jameel, made history last week by becoming the first woman to be elected as the new Chair of the GPC for England, following the stepping down of Dr Richard Vautrey. Beds & Herts LMC very much look forward to working with her and her Executive team and seeing how they will reset the relationship with Government and begin to rebuild general practice.

You can read the GPC [press statement](#), and [General Practice \(@BMA_GP\) / Twitter](#) and further details were featured in Pulse & the BMJ

2. Indicative Ballot discussion at GPC England meeting, 18 November 2021

The main item of discussion following the election of a new Chair was the outcome of the [indicative ballot](#), which closed earlier last week. The ballot asked what actions practices might be willing to take in response to the lack of support from Government and NHS England for general practice in the face of unprecedented pressures, which risk the quality and safety of care GPs are able to offer patients. These included withdrawing from the PCN DES, disrupting appointment data, refusing to provide COVID vaccination certification and refusing to declare earnings.

Following a debate amongst committee members, GPCE is now considering the results in detail before deciding on next steps, which will be communicated to members in due course. There has been no indication from GPC on how the ballots went or on what the next steps might be. We will communicate these as soon as we can.

3. GP earnings declaration

Following further discussions between the GPC and NHSE, it has been confirmed that NHSE will delay both the submission and publication of earnings declarations until at least next Spring.

With GPs facing some of the most intense pressures many have ever experienced, the GPC have been clear that this policy was likely to be counter-productive. Crucially, these changes could have caused disruption over the winter period – distracting from the immediate priorities facing practices and their patients.

It is pleasing that the Secretary of State is delaying these plans, providing some breathing space for hard-working GPs, and GPC has committed to continue to lobby on this matter. Read the BMA [guidance on GP earnings](#).

4. Vaccination Data Resolution Service (VDRS)

The Vaccination Data Resolution Service (VDRS) has been established to resolve missing or incorrect vaccination records for people who are registered with a GP practice in England and who were vaccinated in England, Scotland or Wales. The primary aim of the VDRS is to ensure progression of the COVID-19 vaccination programme and ensure people's records are

correct and allow recommended doses of the vaccination to be booked and received, including booster doses.

As well as citizens being able to access the service via 119, a system has been established whereby sites can access the VDRS to support vaccination record entry and queries. This service should also be used by sites if a person presents for vaccination and has missing vaccination records relating to vaccine administered at sites elsewhere in England and requires sites to complete a form for the VDRS team to process.

For full information on how to access this service, please visit the VDRS page within the [COVID vaccinations tech and data workspace](#) on FutureNHS. Register [here for a FuturesNHS account](#).

5. Health Select Committee inquiry into the future of general practice

This week the Parliamentary Health and Social Care Committee (HSCC), chaired by former Health Secretary, Jeremy Hunt MP, has launched a timely [inquiry into the future of general practice](#). The inquiry presents an opportunity for the BMA to push the demands in its GP campaign, as well as to raise wider concerns and recommendations. The BMA has said that it will submit a formal response, but practices, GPs, practice staff, and members of the public can also [submit their comments](#) directly to the inquiry by 14 December.

6. Herts & West Essex Training Hub - Wise5 Webinar : LMC Medical Director Overview, Wednesday 24th November 2021, 7.30pm

For 'Wise 5' GPs in Herts & West Essex

Dr Alice Baldock, Medical Director at Beds & Herts LMC, will share her overview of the challenges facing general practice this winter and discuss the key role of experienced GPs within the workforce. She is keen to hear in what way the LMC can help to remove those obstacles to staying in the workforce and what areas need to be addressed to make GPs working lives better. Please join us for her presentation followed by an open forum of Q&A.

If you are interested in attending this webinar, please email the HWE Training Hub at hwetraininghub@nhs.net with the following information:

- Name
- Employing Practice (if applicable)
- Year you started working in general practice

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