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# Newsletter

GLASGOW LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE LIMITED.

## **New GP Contract**

Following endorsement of the proposed new GP contract at the Special Scottish LMC Conference on Friday 1st December, we would encourage you to take every opportunity to discuss the new contract with colleagues and encourage them to take part in the poll.

The LMC is happy to reflect the views of the conference which, for those of you who were not there were that approx. 80% of delegates agreed or strongly agreed that the contract met the key aims as set out and discussed at our November LMC meeting. This was a very encouraging statement of support, Glasgow LMC was clearly not alone in being in favour of the contract but it should be noted that our delegates did a stellar job in representing the view of the committee and made many considered and informed contributions to discussions. It was clear that our delegates had benefitted from the in depth discussion with their LMC colleagues on 27th November.

It is important now for as many GPs as possible to express their view by taking part in the poll. Please direct any enquiries which you are uncertain about to the LMC offices where we will try to help.

## **GMS Workload Model Formula**

Many GPs have been in touch with the LMC with questions about the new Workload allocation formula. The 28 page "GMS Workload Model" document is available on the Scottish Government website-

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0052/00527541.pdf>

The Scottish Allocation Formula (SAF) review was conducted in 2016 by Deloitte on behalf of the Scottish Government. The SAF is the formula that distributes practices' Global Sum payments across the whole of Scotland. This document details the review process, the data, how it was collected

and how the existing SAF patient weightings were revised.

## **SGPC Live Online Q&A**

Still not decided about the new contract proposal for GPs in Scotland? Got a question you'd like the answer to before you take part in the poll?

SGPC are hosting an online Q&A session with Dr Alan McDevitt on Wednesday 20th December from 6.30pm, so please take part and send him your questions. The session will be available here:

[https://www.bma.org.uk/connecting-doctors/my\\_working\\_life/p/gpcontractwebchat](https://www.bma.org.uk/connecting-doctors/my_working_life/p/gpcontractwebchat)

## **LMC / GP Subcommittee Elections**

Elections will be taking place for seats on the LMC / GP Subcommittee in early 2018. Primary Care Support will be sending out nomination forms in January for those LMC/GP sub seats whose terms are due to expire in 2018. If you have any questions about serving on the LMC/GP Sub, please contact the office for more details.

## **Festive Holidays and Terminally Ill Patients**

We remind practices that as part of their preparations for the festive period it would be particularly useful to review arrangements for those patients who are terminally ill to ensure that all possible steps have been taken to meet these patients' anticipated needs. There continues to be instances where patients', who have been known to be terminally ill for some time, have needs which arise out of hours which cannot be met by arrangements already put in place by their practice. Principally this is for medication and the GP Out of Hours service is called upon to meet the patient's needs.

As you can imagine this can be a difficult

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situation for our Out of Hours GP colleagues who have no prior knowledge of the patient and family. Arranging the supply and collection of drugs as well as liaising with the community nursing service to administer can be challenging in the Out of Hours period. Although the need to initiate such management can arise unexpectedly, this situation is better avoided if possible and we would ask practices to consider whether any patients would benefit from having “just in case” medications prescribed or from having other information added or updated in their eKIS record to assist the Out of Hours to manage the patient optimally.

## Pre-Op Eye Surgery

Practices have been telling us that patients going for private eye surgery have been told by the company to get a form signed by the GP to confirm that they are fit for eye surgery. This is not appropriate for GPs as we do not assess patients' fitness for surgery. We have written to the company requesting that they stop this practise. Not only is this workload shift into general practice, this is also private sector care and not NHS work.

## Refugee Doctors Programme – Bridges Programmes

Three doctors amongst the refugee population living in Scotland and supported by the Refugee Doctors Programme, Bridges Programmes, have now achieved GMC Registration and it is anticipated that by the first anniversary of the programme in March 2018 ten doctors will have achieved GMC registration. The programme is supported by NHS Education for Scotland and the BMA. Placements within General Practice are an important component of the training package and aid particularly with orientation and understanding of the culture within the NHS in Scotland. A first step is attaining the very high standard of English, including medical English,

which is required and all opportunities to develop that skill are valuable. In addition to practice placements Bridges would welcome contact from doctors able to act as a mentor to a refugee doctor to help reduce professional isolation and aid understanding of the NHS and society generally within Scotland. Contact details for the Bridges Programme are [admin@bridgesprogrammes.org.uk](mailto:admin@bridgesprogrammes.org.uk)

## Christmas and New Year Holiday

Please note that the LMC office will be closed from 22nd December and will reopen on Thursday 4th January 2018. If any of our colleagues requires urgent advice or assistance during this time could they please contact the medical secretaries by email:-

[john.ip@glasgow-lmc.co.uk](mailto:john.ip@glasgow-lmc.co.uk)

[patricia.moultrie@glasgow-lmc.co.uk](mailto:patricia.moultrie@glasgow-lmc.co.uk)

If your query is not urgent please visit our webpage [www.glasgowlmc.co.uk](http://www.glasgowlmc.co.uk) and use the contact us form and we will respond as soon as possible.

## The Cameron Fund Christmas Appeal

The Cameron Fund is the GPs' own charity and its principal activity is “*the relief of poverty, hardship and distress of General Medical Practitioners and their dependants*”. The fund aims to meet needs in the fullest and most practical ways possible, conscious that the circumstances in which help is needed vary enormously, from the elderly in nursing homes to young, chronically sick doctors and their families.

If you wish to donate details can be found on <http://www.cameronfund.org.uk/making-a-donation.shtml>

**From the Team at the LMC**