

KIRKLEES LMC

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Primary care in crisis
- Workforce recruitment and retention
- Overregulation CQC and appraisal/revalidation
- A/E closure threat Huddersfield
- Contract negotiations obstacles and imposition ahead

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Overregulated Overcapacity Underresourced primary care in crisis BMA and RCGP in joint campaigns



The campaign for the safe survival of general practice has been launched by the BMA. Across the country surgeries are under pressure with 72 surgeries closing because there is an exodus of GPs retiring or quitting for jobs overseas. With 1 in 3 GPs considering retirement in the next 5 years and more than 600 GP trainee vacancies left unfilled the government must act quickly to ensure that general practice has a Safe and Sustainable future and patients receive the high quality of care they deserve.



Maureen Baker Chair of the RCGP echoed these sentiments and sent the same message to the Government in her address at the LMC special conference in January.

Regulation by the CQC and the appraisal processes were deemed to be unfit for purpose and onerous particularly in England.



CQC Inspections Appraisals

“Last year the College asked GPs to share their experiences of dealing with the CQC, and the response was damning.

We heard about GPs immense frustration with a regime that demotivate and de-professionalises clinicians and staff, taking them away from

front line patient care.

Of course some form of regulation is necessary, but the system should be working to support practices – not beating them with a stick because a GP has not attended a refresher training course on how to resuscitate.

The CQC has now launched a large-scale review of its approach, and this is an important opportunity to drastically change the inspection regime and ensure it upholds standards of care whilst letting good GP practices get on with the job they are there to do...”.....

Maureen Baker RCGP



Kirklees LMC Website

We would encourage all our members to register with our website at www.kirkleeslmc.co.uk

You can find out all the latest news and see copies of all the previous meetings. It is a good place to find guidance protocols and application forms .

There are links to other organisations and we post webcasts of conferences so that you can hear the debate.

Kirklees LMC is the representative body for GPs working in the Kirklees area. It is a statutory body that represents the interests of all GPs in this area and we have regular meetings with other Stakeholders. We would seek to facilitate for the provision of the best services in Primary Care and ensure that the specifications can be reasonably achieved by our members. We feedback via a Regional Alliance of West

Yorkshire LMCs to our National Body which is the General Practitioners' Committee (GPC) which meet in London at least monthly. Every year there is a National Conference of LMCs at which national policies and recommendations are agreed. Dr Richard Vautrey is our regional GPC Member who is also Vice Chair of GPC at the present time.

Information technology essential specifications.

Information Technology

IT initiatives: In future most of the decisions relating to GP IT systems will be negotiated through the CCG and the LMC will be playing a pivotal role in ensuring that any related decisions are fair and equitable and are part of a broader IT strategy probably on a regional and national basis. To this end practices have been invited to sign a lengthy GP IT CCG practice agreement .This should be signed because it confirms the

current arrangements which are largely delivered by The health informatics team (THIS) . This document has been reviewed by the LMC and should be signed as it purely clarifies the current arrangements and specifications.

In the future the Cog's will be responsible for determining the type and volume of IT services required.

At the LMC we insist that the specifications include: a rolling IT upgrade programmed incorporating mobile tablet and phone solutions.: a system of same day repair or replacement of faulty equipment. :A named engineer assigned to the practice :Training to optimise system usage 20 sessions per average practice: Text messaging support: Improved email facilities: cloud based software packages.

Chand Nagpaul



Primary Care Strategy

Both CCG's are in the process of developing a primary care strategy. North Kirklees have published their plans in a single document which is available on our website kirkleeslmc.co.uk.

In Greater Huddersfield the CCG are in the process of drafting a strategy and have set up 5 workstreams : information technology, workforce, engagement ;core offer and advanced offer.

Your representatives Dr Jenkinson,,Dr Sharman, Dr Jindal and Dr Sharma are members of these groups.

We meet as an LMC with representatives from the CCG's,Locala,Public Health at our monthly Interface meeting. Registered members can see minutes from these meetings in the members area of the website kirkleeslmc.co.uk

Huddersfield A & E Reconfiguration

A major political Row has emerged following the leak of a proposal to site a major A & E unit in Calderdale despite the inherent impracticality in terms of access for the majority of the population of Kirklees.

The decision lies on the back of the revelation of the binding costs of the PFI in Calderdale. In which there is a commitment to paying a lease at high interest rates for 60 years

Alongside the proposal lies the proposal to knock HRI down and build a smaller hospital with less than one third of the beds from 360 to 120. The proposal is to extend Calderdale hospital with a multi



storey car park and new clinical suite and in the longer term create

a further demand to expand the motorway access from Ainley Top all in all throwing good money after bad. We should support the best service for the population developing our existing resources....

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Special LMC Conference 30th January 2016

Your Kirklees LMC representatives ,Dr’s Jenkinson ,Mehrotra, Jindal and Ghosh attended the LMC Special Conference at the Mermaid Theatre in London on 30th January. The webcast of the meeting is available on our website <http://www.kirkleeslmc.co.uk/>

At the conference strong feelings were expressed about the impending crisis in primary care Chand Nagpaul reemphasised the

systematic underfunding of GP from 11% in 2005 to 8% in 2016.He predicted a fall in GP numbers by 25-35% over the next 5years due to retirements and falling recruitment. Demand is exceeding capacity without the need for 7 day working.150000 more patients are seen daily by GPs nationally. Many patients are complex with multiple comorbidities requiring consultation times in excess of 10 minutes.

In addition to consultations and visits GPS have to sift through piles of discharge letters, pathology results with increasing requests from secondary and community care for tasks such as prescribing specialist drugs and undertaking complex monitoring.

“On the current trajectory General practice is no longer safe to continue registering patients or to support 7 day working.”

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Care closer to home

Integration and new models of care remain a further challenge to us it is a shame that we had not resolved this issue before the “care closer to home” tendering process was undertaken so we now have the successful bidders Locala providing many of those community services.

It will be important that practices seize the opportunity to set out the standards that they expect

from Locala community services by completing the “Memorandum of understanding”(MOU) in which practices can determine the frequency of team meetings and the mechanisms for communication. For my practice with a list size of around 9000 we have insisted on weekly team meetings and face to face and or telephone communication for specific issues to avoid the

“tasks” box from becoming overloaded with trivia and being overlooked. The MOU is the ideal place to exert leverage on Locala to meet the practice’s needs . so utilise this.The service specifications can be amended if necessary through the LMC and CCGs and we all meet at the interface meeting on a monthly basis.



Locala Integration and new models of working



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Calderdale and Kirklees LMCs invite you to



Meet the Chair: Facing the Challenges of General Practice into the Future



The LMCs feel it is important for GP negotiators to have direct dialogue with grassroot GPs to be able to represent the whole profession.

**Share your views with Dr Chaand Nagpaul, GPC chair
This is your opportunity to have your voice heard!**

The meeting is open to all General Practitioners, GP registrars and BMA members. Places are limited, so please book early.

Programme

Buffet Dinner and registration	6.30 pm
Dr Chaand Nagpaul, presentation	7.30 pm
Questions & Answers	8.15 pm
Close	9.30 pm

Wednesday 24th February 2016

**Holiday Inn Leeds Brighouse
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Places are limited, please book in advance RSVP c.sully@forrestburlinson.co.uk

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