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LMC AGM

LMC AGM was held on 27 March 2017. Chair gave a verbal report outlining the changes over the last year and was pleased to express good working relationship with WCCG and continued work on GPFV. End of year 2017 accounts were presented and Medical Secretary gave detailed report which is available from LMC office. Medical Secretary reminded members that next year there will be an election and results including voting of Officer posts will be presented. It was confirmed 8 posts up for election as 16 is the total membership.

LMC Website

LMC pleased to report the launching of Wolverhampton website, please use link <http://wolverhamptonlmc.org/> to access.

LMC Annual Dinner 2018

LMC invited Dr Richard Vautrey (GPC Chair) to present after dinner speech at LMC Annual Dinner and accepted. Date to be advised once confirmed

Clinical Letter Template

Response is still awaited on this issue from RWT.

Pharmacy Update

Jeff Blankley reported that Wolverhampton pharmacies are working with practices involved in the training to increase volumes of repeat dispensing items (eRD). He requested practice staff and pharmacy staff had regular communication throughout the mobilisation phase so patients moving to eRD were correctly identified and experienced seamless care. Flu vaccination supplies for the 2018 season will be problematic in the early season (specific vaccine for >65s) with only one supplier producing the vaccine for the UK market. LMC Chair explained that LMC Buying Group and WCCG are informing practices of the situation. The LPC requests any future learning from HMRC with respect to LMC member payments be shared.

Link amendment for Coroner

Please note a slight change to link for Coroner for your information:
<https://coronerswebportal.sandwell.gov.uk/civicalegaleportal/LoginContent.aspx>

Black Country Coroners have confirmed the password to login into the online portal. These details are below; (please note the password must be all in lowercase).

login ID: wolvesgp.coroners

Password: pink123

If you have any queries about this process please contact the Coroner's Office directly via margaret_collins@sandwell.gcsx.gov.uk or 0121 569 7201.

For queries, comments, observations and views regarding the contents of the Newsletter, feel free to contact LMC Officers.

WCCG Update

Safeguarding Reports – WCCG informed members this process had been agreed at Clinical Reference Group. Claim form process to commence 1 April 2018.

DES & LES 2018/19 – Discussions now concluded, practices currently signing up, claim forms also being devised for hubs (practice groups). Discussions taking place with Public Health regarding data capture and record keeping for NHS Health Checks, Contraception, Sexual Health etc.

Pharmacy Peer Group – Meeting held on 14 March 2018 proved productive with RWT, Community Pharmacies, hospital pharmacy and WCCG. Three items were shortlisted to work on; map the patient journey (end to end), improve awareness of each other's role/environment, importance of communication – one message together. Next meeting to be held in May with a tour of RWT Pharmacy.

Improving Access – NHSE discussions continue; 20 minutes per 1k patients from 1 April 2018, 20 minutes per 1k patients from 1 July 2018 and 30 minutes per 1k patients from 1 August 2018. WCCG gave thanks for those included in discussions to date particularly with movement in timescales and ongoing negotiations.

Group Leads Meetings – LMC now has representation at these meetings to be held on a Wednesday from April onwards. LMC Chair to attend.

Members Meeting – Meeting date has moved to May 2018.

International GP Recruitment – Accepted locally and presented due to be considered at a Regional Panel in April 2018. Updates will continue to be shared with LMC Chair.

Practice Manager Diploma – First cohort currently in progress, second and third cohorts for June 2018 and February 2019 also being identified. Practice Manager Peer support framework currently being developed for consideration by Practice Managers across groups.

QoF+ Steering Group – Next meeting to be held 5 April 2018. Priority areas for collection of 100 points are; diabetes, alcohol and obesity. QoF+ preparations work to be submitted for payment by no later than 30 April 2018. QoF+ to be launched by end of May 2018, LMC Chair accepted on behalf of members and supported the intention for searches to be in place in readiness.

Pneumonia Vaccinations – WCCG advise five yearly vaccinations can be claimed LMC suggested WCCG should consider commissioning the other at risk groups which were not covered such as homeless, Parkinson's disease and 'at risk below the age of 65', which would champion Wolverhampton with preventative health care. WCCG Chair agreed to consider.

CAMHS Leaflet – Medial Secretary tabled a leaflet showing weekly drop in sessions for this service but just for the Bushbury area. LMC Chair expressed concerns regarding this inequitable service as referrals are rejected and children are being denied consultation. WCCG Chair to seek clarity.

Public Health Services Commissioning Gap – LMC Chair raised the issue of GPs being unable to prescribe without license for smoking cessation medication. WCCG Chair to raise with Public Health.

Pensions Annual Estimate Form

Please find link for the process <https://pcse.england.nhs.uk/contact-us/>. Chose the drop down box of GP Pensions and it takes you to an online form which when filled in allows you to upload your form.

Next LMC Meeting

The next meeting of LMC is being held on Tuesday 24 April 2018 at 7.00 pm, hot buffet served from 6.30 pm, please inform LMC office in advance if you wish to attend.

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