

# Barking and Havering LMC Newsletter

*For circulation to all GPs,  
GP non-Principals and  
Practice staff*

APRIL 2005

## Dear Colleagues

*First of all, we would like to welcome Sue Elliott who has joined the staff of the LMC office as replacement for Jackie Tiller who, as you all know, retired at the end of February.*

### **GPC SESSIONAL GP SUBCOMMITTEE ELECTIONS**

The GPC is seeking nominations for its sessional GP subcommittee. This subcommittee represents all salaried and freelance GPs including locums, assistants, associates, retainees, flexible careers scheme GPs and returner scheme GPs. It meets twice a year and communicates regularly by e-mail to discuss progress and current issues.

Nominations are sought from ALL salaried and freelance/locum GPs in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. Eight subcommittee members will be elected to serve for a two year term, covering the 2005/06 and 2006/07 sessions. The GPC reimburses members' travel expenses for attending meetings and may also receive a payment for attending meetings.

**The deadline for nominations is 13 May 2005.** If more than eight nominations are received Electoral Reform Services Ltd will administer elections in May. Results will be announced in June.

Nominations have been sent to all the sessional GPs on the BMA's database. They are also available on the BMA website.

The GPC would be very grateful if you would remind your sessional GPs of this opportunity and deadline for nominations. Please also encourage them to keep the GPC up to date with their contact and work status details. They can do this by e-mailing [membership@bma.org.uk](mailto:membership@bma.org.uk) or by Telephoning 020 7383 6642 or updating their details via the BMA website.

### **PRACTICE BASED COMMISSION**

Please find attached documents which may useful whilst you are negotiating on PBC with the PCT.

### **GOLDEN HELLO SCHEME**

The Golden Hello scheme ended on the 1 April. A new primary care support scheme was introduced in England on the 1 April but will not appear in the SFE as it is a locally determined scheme. We have not yet received the final framework for this new scheme from the DOH as we understand it is awaiting final allocations to SHAs. The BMA have prepared guidance for LMCs, which will be sent out once the new scheme is announced. This guidance will need to be read in conjunction with the national framework.

Telephone 020 8227 3245/48/49

### **BARKING & DAGENHAM WALK-IN CENTRE**

Use of the Walk-in Centre for suture removal has been extended so please carry on referring your patients there until an alternative has been put in place.

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## **FOR INFORMATION**

One of the Dagenham GPs has died of Miliary Tuberculosis. If any patients attending your surgery are concerned that they may be infected you can refer them to the Health Protection Agency on 020 7220 4500 or NHS Direct on 0845 4647.

## **MARATHON RUNNERS**

CONGRATUATIONS to Ralph McCormack (Chief Executive of HPCT) and Dr Eric Saunderson for successfully completing the London Marathon on Sunday 17 April. Eric was running for the National Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) and if you would like to make a donation to the charity on his behalf please do so through their website. Eric's special page is:  
[www.justgiving.com/ericisaunderson](http://www.justgiving.com/ericisaunderson)

TO CELEBRATE her remission, Dr Elizabeth Howard is taking part in the 5km cancer research 'Race for Life' in Con the 26 June. If you wish to sponsor Elizabeth her secure webpage is:  
<http://www.raceforlifesporsome.org/elizabethhoward>

## **PARKING PERMITS**

After enquiries from some GPs regarding parking permits they can use when visiting patients, we understand that the London Borough of Havering provide a Health and Home Care permit. Contact details are as follows:

*Streetcare Parking Services  
6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Mercury House  
Romford, RM1 3SL  
Telephone 01708 432787*

For the London Borough of Barking & Dagenham the scheme is called "Operational Parking Permit Application Form. Contact details are as follows:

*Parking Permits Department  
Town Hall, Barking  
Essex IG11 7LU*

## **NEW GPC PUBLICATIONS**

The following is a list of new GPC publications that may be of interest to you:

Removal of patients from GP lists  
Treating Patients in private hospitals, nursing and residential homes

These publications are available on the GPC news website <http://www.bma.org.uk> or by contacting Sue Elliott on 01708 465400 or 01708 465046

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*With Best Wishes*

*Yours sincerely*

Madhu Pathak