

# Barking and Havering LMC Newsletter

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

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Dear Colleagues

## **OPEN & CLOSED LISTS**

Havering PCT has been in discussion with the LMC on the issue of open and closed lists. The PCT is clear that when a practice feels the pressing need to close a list, it contacts the PCT at the earliest opportunity. In this way the PCT will be able to work with the practice to identify the problems and to help the practice keep the list open, where possible. Every case is different and each needs to be looked at carefully to assess the situation before deciding on lists being closed.

With open lists, the expectation is that, in general, practices with open lists will take patients from their practice area. The PCT has no wish to assign patients more than is absolutely necessary and this is only possible if practices take responsibility for their practice areas. Here again, if a practice is having a temporary difficulty, speak to the PCT as soon as the issue begins to emerge, to work through the problem. Open and closed list clearly impact on the ability of the practise to deliver enhanced services and this will be carefully looked at in each case.

## **nGMS/PMS UPLIFTS 2005-6**

**nGMS:** Both Barking & Dagenham and Havering PCTs received an increase of 0.37% on the 04/05 funding allocation from the Department of Health for 05/06 Global Sum payments.

Actual payments to the practices were increased from £54.47 in 04/05 to £54.72 in 05/06 per head of weighted population. The Global Sum payments to the practices have therefore increased by 0.46%.

**PMS:** PMS baselines will be increased by 1.2% as agreed by NELHA. This uplift is to reflect the weighted average of the uplifts on the appropriate GMS funding streams and increase of 6.37% in PA and Dispensing.

## **APPRAISALS**

An appraisal review meeting for all appraisers was held on 29<sup>th</sup> June to review the 04/05 processes and to agree a timetable for 05/06 Appraisals. An evaluation form has been sent to all GPs within Havering PCT for completion and return in advance of appraisal commencement in September 05. A stock-take of appropriately trained and qualified appraisers was undertaken.

Havering PCT has 105 GP principals and 51 non-principals. There are 14 trained appraisers. Each appraiser has committed to complete a minimum of 6, and a maximum of 15, appraisal meetings. This means that we need to recruit at least 3 additional appraisers. Recent guidance issued by the London Deanery demonstrates the need for Non-Principals to be appraised by a non-principal appraiser. Therefore the PCT will recruit and train a non-principal appraiser by the end of September 2005.

## **COUNSELLING SERVICES**

Barking and Dagenham PCT are concerned that staff in clinics and health centres are unaware that they can access counselling services and are keen to rectify this. As part of staff benefits provided by the PCT all staff, including GPs, are entitled to access

confidential counselling services, by telephone, as follows:

- Freephone counselling service operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year 0800 085 5483
- Face to face counselling sessions per staff member operated by Harmon House Counselling Service 020 8597 7686

## **ELECTION RESULTS OF NEW OFFICERS**

Please note that the following candidates have been successful. Their term of office is for two years starting July 2005:

Chairman	Dr Alok Mittal
Vice-Chairman	Dr Atul Aggarwal
Treasurer	Dr Meghnath Roy

## **LMC SUB-COMMITTEES**

Members who have been elected to the following sub-committees are:

- Finance Sub-Committee - Drs R Kalra, S Poolo, M Rahman and N Teotia
- Policy Making Sub-Committee - Drs A Aggarwal, H Ahmad, T Bland, S De, A Deshpande, V Goriparthi, A Jabbar, J Kakad, and G Saini.

## **PARKING PERMITS**

A health Emergency Badge is available for Doctors and applications must be made independently to:

The Association of London Government  
ALG TEC Mobility Unit (HEB)  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
New Zealand House  
80 Haymarket  
London SW1Y 4TZ

Enquiries can be made by calling 020 7747 4749

The administration fee for your practice is £26, with a further cot of £3 for each badge required.

## **GP REGISTRAR NEWS**

The Spring/Summer edition of this GPC Newsletter, and any other information regarding GP registrars, is now available on the BMA website:

[www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/content/hubgpregristrars](http://www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/content/hubgpregristrars)

***This is to inform you that BHRT will continue to prescribe Warfarin for Anticoagulation Therapy. A confirmation letter was sent to all GPs at the end of May***

# **LMC ANNUAL DINNER**

**WEDNESDAY 19 OCTOBER**

***The LMC Dinner 2005***

***will be held on***

***Wednesday 19 October***

***at the***

***Prince Regent Hotel, Manor***

***Road, Woodford Bridge***

***Please make your  
reservations on the attached  
booking form***

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*With Best Wishes,*

*Yours sincerely*

Madhu Pathak