

Barking and Havering LMC Newsletter

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

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Dear Colleagues

OoH DEVELOPMENT FUND 2004/5

It has now been confirmed that Barking & Dagenham GPs received payment in April and payment to Havering GPs was made on 27 May. . The payments have been calculated on when, or if, the practice has given up 24 hour responsibility for their patients. Most practices will receive £1,098.67 per GP. Practices who have not opted out will receive £1,648 per GP.

APPRAISAL PAYMENTS

Sue Hemmings from B&D Finance Directorate and Terry Salih from Havering PCT have advised us that for GMS GPs the payment is in the Global Sum but PMS GPs please note you will need to send an invoice to the PCT to receive your appraisal payments.

LEVEL OF CARE

GPs have shown concern over the level of care patients are receiving from BHRT. Some patients are refusing to be admitted locally and GPs have to care for them at home. GPs feel the patients' confidence has gone. Serious mistakes are happening and hygiene levels have gone down.

If any of you are experiencing similar difficulties at BHRT, please let the LMC know as soon as possible.

SUPPLIES AND ADMINISTRATION OF MMR VACCINE

All GPs should have received a letter from the DOH dated 13 May regarding supply of MMR vaccine (Gateway Clearance 4956). Further information is available from June Boggis, e-mail address: june.boggis@dh.gsi.gov.uk

LMC ELECTION RESULTS

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

Barking & Dagenham PCT:

Dr H Ahmad	Dr G Barclay
Dr V Goriparthi	Dr G S Kalkat
Dr A Mittal	Dr N Teotia

Havering PCT:

Dr A Jabbar	Dr J O'Moore
Dr P M Patel	Dr S Poolo
Dr M M Rahman	Dr G S Saini
Dr S Subramaniam	

Please note the following GPs remain as members until the 2007 Elections:

Barking & Dagenham PCT:

Dr M Asadullah	Dr R S Kalra
Dr P Prasad	Dr M Roy

Havering PCT:

Dr A Aggarwal	Dr J Barbosa
Dr T C Bland	Dr A Deshpande
Dr J Kakad	Dr A N Patel
Dr N Rao	Dr O Sanomi
Dr I K Sudha	

Salaried GP Member: Dr S De

MISREPRESENTATION

Please find below a letter sent to all GPs in Barking & Dagenham by the PCT:

Dear Colleagues

I am writing to ask you whether any patients have raised issues in relation to some emerging concerns about potential misrepresentation and assault by a member of the public.

It has been brought to my attention that there may be someone living locally who is posing as a medical doctor and approaching members of the public with offers to investigate complaints of medical negligence. Apparently he proceeds to charge an initial fee of about £30 and subsequently visits the victim in their home where he sexually assaults them.

Should any patients report or allege such experiences they should of course be reported direct to the police. If you are concerned that this may be an issue for any of your patients and would like to seek advice or further information, please contact Liz Doherty, the Nurse Consultant – Child Protection, who is also our link with the police in this matter.

HAVERING GPs please be aware, in case this person transfers his “expertise” to your area.

PATIENT VIEWS SURVEY

Pulse, the weekly medical newspaper has launched a joint initiative with Newcastle and North Tyneside LMC to conduct a national survey. They would like GPs to help them find out which aspects of general practice patients value most. You can get further information by e-mailing pulse@cmpinformation.com.

TREATING OVERSEAS VISITORS

We have received clarification from the BMA on treating overseas visitors. If you require further information please contact the BMA Website, <http://www.bma.org.uk> or the LMC office.

CLINICAL ASSESSMENT SERVICE

Havering GPs would now have received letters and posters relating to CAS. There were a number of queries raised by yourselves regarding referral of patients to CAS and we have been assured that confidentiality issues have been taken care of. The system is structured to ensure that there will be minimal delay in the process, and that patients can contact the CAS rather than their GP practice should they not have received confirmation of appointments etc. within an agreed period of time after they have been referred. The process is also designed to comply with Booking and Choice requirements and Havering PCT believe that adopting the CAS approach will actually be of benefit to the majority of practices when they are required to offer “choice” to patients later this year.

With assessments being undertaken by Locality Board member GPs, Havering will ensure that a

referral is directed to an appropriate primary care based service, where they exist, (more are being developed on an ongoing basis), or will be forwarded to the relevant secondary care provider. By linking CAS to the already established Booked Admissions facility, all primary care service arrangements will be co-ordinated centrally to again speed up the referral/treatment process.

Arrangements are in place with BHRT (and other providers) whereby referrals which should have gone through CAS but have been received directly, and are therefore not stamped as “Authorised” by the PCT, will be forwarded to the CAS office for processing.

Barking & Dagenham PCT is to establish CAS for individual specialities rather than follow the HPCT global model. It will be a community based service for assessment, diagnosis and treatment for a number of specialities which practices should offer to patients as a first point of call. If patients need to be referred after this to secondary care, they will then be offered four to five choices by the CAS. The service has a two fold project management remit, one of which is to develop services with professionals with specialist interest. A start has been made with the following services:

Minor surgery/vasectomy/cryotherapy

Gynaecology

Audiology (ENT)

Extended Scope Physiotherapy for Musculoskeletal Service

The second stage is still in the process of being developed. BDPCT will be informing GPs of the service.

HAVE YOU GOT A SALARIED GP OR REGULAR LOCUM IN YOUR PRACTICE?

If so, please inform us so that we can start sending them the newsletter

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With Best Wishes,

Yours sincerely

Madhu Pathak