

BARKING & HAVERING LMC NEWSLETTER

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**This is what we have all been
waiting for - the LMC website
is up and running. Please go to**

www.barkingandhaveringlmc.org.uk

LMC Website



By going to the LMC Website, GPs can access up-to-date information on various issues, including:

Appraisals
Enhanced Services
Practice Based Commissioning
QOF

Information published on the website listing GPs' participation on various committees was given to the LMC by various sources. Kindly check and let the LMC know if you find any corrections need to be made

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Once you have opened the website you can bookmark it to avoid typing the address every time. To do this follow the simple steps below:

Open Internet Explorer

Click in the white space in the address bar.

The words will then be highlighted

Type www.barkingandhaveringlmc.org.uk

Press enter or click on "Go"

Click once on "bookmark out website"

A window will open with the name of the website

Click once on "OK"

In future all you then need to do is

Open Internet Explorer

Click on "Favorites" to open the list

Go to Barking and Havering LMC website and click once

Supply of MMR Vaccine

Barking & Dagenham states that in order to meet the high demand for MMR vaccine following the national mumps campaign, additional supplies of vaccine have been imported from the USA.

The imported vaccine (M-M-R™11) is identical to the (M-M-R™11 that is licensed for use in the UK in all respects apart from the labelling, which complies with US requirements and pack size. It has undergone testing by the US release agency to ensure that the vaccine meets the quality, safety and efficacy required in the US.

The US product does not have a UK product license and cannot therefore be administered using a Patient Group Direction (PGD). The PCT recommends that the US product be administered on a Patient Specific Direction.

GPs can be assured that, although the US product does not have a UK Product Licence it meets all the safety and quality standards required of the vaccine. The fact that its use has been endorsed by the DoH and PCTs provides an assurance of its suitability for use in the UK.

Havering PCT's view is that because of the likelihood of a mumps epidemic, the PCT will protect the GP in the administration of this unlicensed vaccine.



Annual Dinner

Everyone who attended this year's Annual Dinner agreed that it was a great success. Our chief guest was Graham Gooch, who entertained all the Members, their friends and families.

Photos will shortly be available to view on the website.

Enhanced Services

Havering PCT:

Rosie Chambers, Head of Non-Acute Commissioning, confirmed that the following services have started and that GPs are encouraged to support these services and refer patients to them where clinically appropriate – this may mean that GPs work with GPWSIs by sharing their GP register information and QMAS data in order to capture patients who may need to be more closely monitored than at present within primary care:

Heart Failure Clinic led by Dr Ahktar, with Dr Rahman (GPWSI trainee), Dr Joseph (GPWSI) and Dr Kakarti (GPSWI!) (this service needs more referrals).

Dermatology Service clinics (a service being developed beyond a purely diagnostic clinic to include see and treat sessions where appropriate) – Dr Uberoy (GPWSI), Dr Kakad (GPWSI) and Dr Poolo (GPSWI) (Dr Poolo is doing minor surgery element of dermatology).

Diabetes contracts have been drawn up by the diabetes service but there is further operational work to be undertaken and possibly more consultation with the clinicians to iron out the model of the service to make this operational – Fazal Dookith is arranging a meeting with the interested GPs and consultants to take this forward.

Barking & Dagenham PCT

Simon James, Primary Care Commissioning Manager, has prepared a set of spreadsheets for practices to report back to the PCT electronically on the Enhanced Services either currently available or, hopefully, available in October 2005. These sheets will be sent out to practice managers soon. If practices are not able to use the spreadsheets, then the traditional monitoring forms can be made available, but these will be phased out at the end of this financial year.

Most of the enhanced service specifications have been signed off except for Common Mental Health Disorders (LES) and Access (DES).

The tariff price for post-op suture removal and wound management LES is being reviewed for 2005/06, as proposed by the LMC.

Simon is waiting for a proposal from the account manager at the company that supplies the Vision system for an electronic method for recording and reporting activity under Enhanced Services that mirrors, as best as possible, the QMAS approach for QOF.

This is the list of the Enhanced Services being commissioned from GPs:

Locally Enhanced Services:

01. Ad Hoc Vaccinations
02. Post Op Suture/Wound Dressings
03. Common Mental Health Disorders
04. Nursing Homes
05. GP Shared Care
06. Neo Natal Exams
07. Alcohol Services
08. Specialised Sexual Health
09. Homelessness
10. Multiple Sclerosis
11. Advanced Near Patient Testing
12. Patient Registers: Alcohol/MS
13. Advanced Diabetic Care

National Enhanced Services:

01. Anti-Coagulation Monitoring
02. Near Patient Testing – Basic
03. IUD Insertions
04. IUD Reviews
05. Contraceptive Implants Fitted
06. Contraceptive Implants Removals
07. Minor Injuries

Directed Enhanced Services:

01. Improved Access
02. Child Immunisations
03. Flu/Pneumococcal
04. Minor Surgery – Injections
05. Minor Surgery – Incisions/Excisions

For further details please contact Simon James by e-mail on Simon.James@bdpct.nhs.uk or by phone on 020 8532 6242



Home Oxygen Service

A new contract for home oxygen services will come into force from the 1st February 2006.

Air Products Ltd. Has been awarded the contract for supplying oxygen to patients in North London. This will replace the service that is currently provided by community pharmacists (cylinder services) and De Vilbiss concentrator service).

There will be a transition period of around three months in which the PCTs will be working with practices, pharmacists, patients and BHRT to implement the change.

What are the implications for general practice?

- PCTs are currently compiling a database of all patients in their area on oxygen therapy. The Pharmaceutical Advisers are contacting practices to request information on registered patients prescribed oxygen cylinders. Patient information leaflets have been circulated to practices and pharmacies by the Department of Health to ensure that patients are aware of these changes.
- The PCTs will write to patients individually informing them of the change in service and requesting consent to pass on their details to Air Products Limited.
- The threshold for prescribing an oxygen concentrator was reduced from 8 hours per day to 2 hours per day in the October Drug Tariff. Practices are encouraged to review patients who are using oxygen more than 2 hours per day (equivalent of 4-5 cylinders per month) and prescribe an oxygen concentrator where this is appropriate. This will help to conserve a supply of cylinders over the winter period.
- Discussions are taking place between the PCTs and BHRT on the preferred model for the specialist team who will prescribe long-term oxygen therapy as part of the new service.

The PCTs are planning to provide more information to practices through the Protected Time Initiatives. Further information is available on the Primary Care Contracting website: www.primarycarecontracting.nhs.uk

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New GPC Publications

The following is a new GPS publication that may be of interest to you:

Hepatitis B, Immunisation for Employees at Risk

This publication is available on the GPC news website <http://www.bma.org.uk> or by contacting the LMC Office on 01708 465400 or 01708 465046.

***I would like to wish you all a very *happy
Deepawali* and 'Eid Mubarak'***

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

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