

# LMC E-BULLETIN

## SOMERSET LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE

**WELCOME** to the first edition of the Somerset LMC communications bulletin, "in response to feedback that we needed to improve communications with constituents, we have formed a communications subgroup. As a result we have decided to introduce and circulate this e-bulletin once a month. The aim is to keep practices informed about current issues we are working on. we will also let you know the dates of meetings, including any with external organisations. Please let us know if you have any items that you wish us to raise.

## LMC COUNTY MEETING SEPTEMBER—SUMMARY

### LMC Study Day 2007

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March at Taunton Racecourse

### IT Liaison

LMC recognised continuing concern amongst practices over IT support and will be seeking to establish an effective SHIS/PCT/LMC liaison group as soon the new PCT is established

### Enhanced Services

#### 1. Somerset Coast

Practices should be advised to strike out unacceptable clauses before signing and returning ES agreements to the PCT. LMC has offered to negotiate further on these items, but remains of the view that the prescribing and administration of triptorelin are separate matters. Practices should not rely on the PCT prescribing incentive scheme to fund this work.

#### 2. Tariff

The LMC will produce an ES proposal and tariff for 2006/07 before the end of the year.

#### 3. CKD

The LMC understands that the PCTs have agreed a unified approach based on guidance from Prof Feest on the range of eGFR acceptable for different age groups

### PMS Subgroup

The committee agreed to establish a PMS subgroup.

### Communications Subgroup

Amongst other tasks will be looking further at the best ways of ensuring good links between the LMC and practices.

### PM Member of LMC

The proposed new county PM forum will be asked to nominate a non-voting PM member of the LMC. Attendances will be remunerated at the LMC PM rate.

### LMC Office Move

The office will move within the TDPCT building on 25<sup>th</sup> September, and then out into its own premises during the autumn.

### PBC

The LMC supports moves to develop a county umbrella organisation, notably because of economies of scale and the need to tackle unscheduled care. However, it is deeply concerned about any attempt to directly link commissioning to GMS/PMS budgets and services.

### Chief Medical Officers Report on Professional Regulation

GPs are encouraged to submit their own responses or to send them to the office to be included in the LMC submission.

## CURRENT/SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Practice Based Commissioning in Somerset a county wide approach to be held at the holiday Inn Taunton 4th October, please contact the LMC office for further details

## LMC Meetings October

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| East Somerset Trust Liaison | Wednesday 4th October |
| South West Regional LMCs    | Thursday 5th October  |
| GPC/LMC Meeting             | Thursday 5th October  |
| County Executive Group      | Monday 9th October    |
| LMC County Meeting          | Thursday 12th October |