

# LMC E-BULLETIN



## SOMERSET LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE

### LMC COUNTY MEETING NOVEMBER—SUMMARY

#### Vacancy in Yeovil constituency

Following the resignation on Richard More. SS members are requested to encourage nominations.

#### LMC Study Day

Draft programme agreed, key speakers ( David Colin-Thome and John Chisholm) confirmed.

#### CAB Named Consultant Referrals

Where a patient and GP have agreed a referral to a specific consultant, but that specialist has no available appointment within 13 weeks, the Booking Management Service will case manage to referral to see if an alternative would be acceptable, and if not, the case manager negotiates with the Trust concerned a suitable appointment date. Wherever possible GPs are requested to make referrals as open as possible or the system will become overloaded.

#### Cervical Screening

Although there is now a system for direct referral to Colposcopy for patients with abnormal smears reported at T&S or EST, practices should continue to do a “fail-safe” check to make sure this has happened 4-6 weeks after receiving an abnormal result.

#### QMAS

Practices need to be aware that the QMAS system is now very sophisticated in QOF data extraction and can record for PCT reference things such as multiple code entries all made on one day which may need to be justified.

#### Recoding for QOF

Is often raised, especially as many codes are

currently adding patients to the mental health register. LMC view is that historically inaccurate codes ( for example, implying serious mental illness where it was not present) should be corrected, and a free test entry left of the date and reason for the change. Codes that were correct at the time but which are not currently clinically important should be left unaltered and an exception code added.

#### PBC Budgets

The LMC has written to the PCT confirming the committee’s view that GMS/PMS allocations must not be included as part of practices’ commissioning budgets.

#### eGFR

Following GP discussion with Professors Feest and Nicholls the LMC has asked the Taunton and Yeovil labs to start routinely reporting eGFR, although GPs will wish to make individual clinical decisions about its relevance for particular patients.

#### BMA Regional Meeting

A new regional committee has been established on which the LMC and Somerset BMA Division both have seats. This aims to bring together representation of all strands of practice in a body large enough to have influence at Strategic Health Authority level.

#### Practice Manager Representative on the LMC

The Practice Managers Forum for the new PCT has been invited to elect a manager to sit on the LMC for a two year term

### CURRENT/SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- LMC Member Vacancy Yeovil/Wincanton/ Crewkerne Constituency, closing date for nominations 8 December
- LMC Practice Manager Representative, Closing date for nominations Friday 1 December.

## Meetings December

County Executive Group Monday 4 December

Flu Pandemic Planning Wednesday 6 December