

# LMC E-BULLETIN

## SOMERSET LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE

### Summary of significant points arising from Somerset LMC Meeting July 10th

#### Shared Care Drugs Service

There have been some problems highlighted by Practices with the new service run by Turning Point. The LMC has taken these up with Dr Gordon Morse, the Clinical Lead of Turning Point, and the PCT, the commissioners of the service. The LMC advises strongly that GPs should NOT be prescribing for patients who are not in an agreed Shared Care arrangement. If you encounter any further issues, please do feed them back to the LMC Office to be forwarded to the PCT.

#### Flexible opening ES

The PCT has advised us that already 23 of the 75 Somerset practices are offering an Extended Hours Service that is compliant with the local Enhanced Service. The 50% target is believed by the PCT to be very achievable. The PCT has agreed that the 80% take-up target in the LES is not a requirement (and indeed was not supported by DoH negotiators), but should be viewed as an aspiration.

#### Darzi Polyclinics

Somerset PCT were invited to follow the example of Herefordshire and Bucks PCTs in rejecting the DoH diktat to establish a new GP-Led Health Centre. The invitation was courteously declined. Primary Care based bids: It is understood that there is a Taunton-wide bid, two from Yeovil (one linked to Clinovia, the other multi-Practice), and a non-global Bridgwater bid.

#### Enhanced Service Uplift

At the time of going to press, the PCT has not advised the LMC of a proposal global uplift to established Enhanced Services. A promise of notification has been made, due on 18th July.

### Prescribing Issues From Secondary Care

Shaun Green has circulated a proforma by email for reporting Outpatient or Discharge prescribing issues. We have been advised that prescribing updates and guidance will be collated into a Prescribing Newsletter rather than the current volleys of ad hoc emails.

#### PMS Study Day

A Study Day has been arranged for 23rd October at Taunton Race Course organised by the County PMS Sub-Group, the LMC and the PCT. More details and booking forms to follow.

#### Map of Medicine

More central command or helpful dissemination of Best Practice? The Map of Medicine is designed to provide expert information in the form of nationally accredited evidence-based clinical pathways. However, local policies, pathways and guidance should always take priority. It can be found at:

<http://mom.sou.ncrs.nhs.uk>

Username: Somerset

Password: Somerset

#### Obesity Service at MPH

We understand that Practices have been asked to undertake Dexamethasone Suppression tests for patients referred to this service. This is clearly not a Primary Care role and the LMC will be taking this to Liaison with T&S Trust and back to the PCT.

#### Update on Harry Yoxall

Harry was knocked over by a car 2 months ago. After recent investigation, his sub-dural bleed was evacuated at Frenchay. He is recuperating well and expects to be back in the LMC office in 4-8 weeks time.

### Meetings

PMS County Leads Group  
Mendip Practice managers  
LMC/LPC  
South Somerset PMs

Thurs 24th July-  
Tues 29th July  
Weds 30th July  
Thurs 31st July

County Practice Managers  
County Executive Group  
Taunton Area PMs  
Somerset PMS Leads/PCT

Tues 5th August  
Mon 11th August  
Thurs 28th August  
Tues 9th Sept