

## Issue 151

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### **BEST Events - Held @ Shaw Lane Sports Club, Barnsley**

For further information the BEST Portal Website can be accessed at <http://best.barnsleycc.nhs.uk/>

### **Medicines Management**

Shared care and Amber-G guidelines can be found at the following link:  
<http://best.barnsleyccg.nhs.uk/clinical-support/medicines/shared-care-guidelines/> An overview of Shared Care guidelines, including the Principles of Shared Care is available to read [here](#).

Prescribers (including secondary care clinicians) are encouraged to report any problems they experience with shared care or other medicines related issue, particularly where guidelines are not being complied with, to the following email address: [BarnsleyAPCReport@nhs.net](mailto:BarnsleyAPCReport@nhs.net).

With secondary care opening up activity and undertaking remote consultations, it has been reported that there has been increased pressure in primary care to undertake things they wouldn't normally. Due to this, the APC reporting has been temporarily expanded to capture any issues and these can be fed into the APC. The hospitals need this information so that issues can be addressed.

Practices can now report any interface issues they have, as much as possible, via Barnsley LMC, which will then be submitted to the hospitals.

A list of Prescribing Guidelines is available to view [here](#).  
The Barnsley Area Joint Formulary is available to view [here](#).  
Medicines Management monthly Newsletters are available to view [here](#).

## **Barnsley LMC**

Barnsley LMC is looking to increase membership for the Barnsley area and there is also a vacancy for a Salaried GP to join Barnsley LMC.

If you, or anyone you know, may be interested in joining the LMC, either as a member or as a salaried GP, please contact us at [Barnsley.lmc@nhs.net](mailto:Barnsley.lmc@nhs.net) where we can let you have further information.

## **Contact Barnsley LMC**

We are working with the CCG to have a single source of information around Covid-19.

BARNSLEY LMC will continue to feed into the daily bulletin over coming weeks. However, if there is any support needed from the LMC, or issues practices would like us to raise we are holding virtual meetings so please contact us at [barnsley.lmc@nhs.net](mailto:barnsley.lmc@nhs.net).

## **Phase Three Letter**

The matter of safely restoring services back to pre-Covid capacity levels is part of the ambitious targets set out in NHS England and Improvement's long-awaited [Phase Three letter](#). It outlines the key priorities for SYB as we continue making good headway with our winter preparedness plans.

Broadly speaking, Phase Three of the NHS' response to Covid focuses on three main priorities (verbatim):

(A) Accelerating the return of non-Covid health services, making full use of the capacity available in the window of opportunity between now and winter.

(B) Preparation for winter alongside possible Covid resurgence.

(C) Doing the above in a way that takes account of lessons learned during the first Covid peak; locks in beneficial changes; and explicitly tackles fundamental challenges including support for our staff, action on inequalities and prevention.

With the Phase Three directives a core element of SYB's agenda, our regional Public Health England experts continue to report low levels of infections and that we are very much through the first-wave. Local lockdowns – as we've seen in Leicester, Greater Manchester, East Lancashire and parts of West Yorkshire - will become the norm across the country.

## **COVID19 Death Certificates**

Please could we remind all GPs of the importance of including underlying conditions on death certificates, in addition to a Covid 19 diagnosis. There is a potential injustice for people suffering from industrial diseases if these are not included. There is a need to ensure that deaths from industrial diseases continue to be recognised, especially in view of the fact that Covid 19 might just tip the balance in many of these cases.

## Regional Funding

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) announced an additional £11.5 million of funding for NHS services in South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw. The allocation, part of a £300 million national boost, is specifically intended to support the NHS' winter preparedness plans by boosting capacity and treatment services in emergency departments. This investment is an indication of the intent to help the NHS gear-up to near pre-Covid levels by October 2020, as noted in last week's [Phase Three letter](#). Nonetheless, these are challenging timescales with significant asks of health and care partners.

As part of the Government's 'build back better' campaign, the second driver for the investment is restoring public confidence in visiting NHS sites. It means acute trusts will be able to physically upgrade infection control measures at their sites with enhanced safety plans (waiting space adjustments, signage and additional cubicles). Projects need to be completed by the start of 2021.

For SYB, these funds provide a welcome cash-boost for Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust, Sheffield Children's NHS Foundation Trust and Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

## Covid 19

Cases of Covid-19 across SYB continue to be in small numbers, but with caution advised by colleagues from Public Health England (PHE) to continue with social distancing measures and maintaining hand hygiene.

Whilst we have seen some small increases in SYB – the total of all hospital cases in SYB is around 30 – none of our places appear on the [weekly watchlist](#) produced by PHE.

Part of SYB's planning for this has been around the move to a single-site for new Covid cases. Since the 10th of August, The Royal Hallamshire Hospital has started to admit new cases of Covid on a phased approach from SYB hospitals - and will do so for the foreseeable future. Exceptions to this will be for patients who are not clinically appropriate to be moved between sites.

This directly supports SYBs capacity planning and bed occupancy preparations, in which our Covid 'clean sites' will be able to return to near pre-pandemic levels of patient numbers.

Should there be a second wave, as anticipated by public health experts, this is most likely to happen from October/November and possibly lasting until February/March. There are, of course, many variables and much of the predictions rely on continued public adherence to the safety measures.

[Returning to one single Covid-19 hospital site for our region: the Royal Hallamshire Hospital](#) - Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

## Flu Board

Following the publication of the [Government's second annual flu letter](#), SYB's winter preparedness plans are placing a large emphasis on the expanded flu-vaccination programme. As previously reported, use of PPE and social distancing will impede the speed with which vaccines are given. Discussions are underway on how to overcome these barriers while maintaining a full implementation schedule. It is also worth noting that the flu vaccine, Covid and winter preparedness are all being considered as a single issue as part of ongoing planning.

Update:

An update on the national flu vaccination plans, released earlier this month, remains a top discussion area with SYB's senior leaders.

The '[national flu immunisation programme 2020 to 2021- update](#)' identifies new cohorts including:

- Pregnant women attending maternity appointments
- Persons identified as clinically at risk including eligible patients attending in- and out-patient appointments.
- Household contacts of those on the NHS Shielded Patient List
- Children of school Year 7 age in secondary schools (those aged 11 on 31 August 2020).
- Health and social care workers employed through Direct Payment to deliver domiciliary care to patients and service users

To accommodate these additional cohorts, SYB will be pulling together a delivery framework for discussion at the next Flu Board meeting.

Meanwhile, Accident and Emergency Boards will be signing-off Flu Place plans, with final drafts to go through in September. The Plans will be delivered at place with the system having oversight from an SYB perspective. Additional funds to contribute towards the at-scale implementation are subject to a bid which has been put forward to NHS England.

## Section 88 of the Road Traffic Act 1988

During COVID many drivers' licences have expired and DVLA gave extensions so that they could continue to drive and work. For many drivers though this extension is coming to an end. Drivers are now being told by DVLA to ask their GP if they are "fit to drive" so that they can continue to drive under Section 88 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 (RTA 1988). DVLA has produced a [leaflet which explains RTA 1988](#).

Most GPs are not confident to advise patients whether or not they are fit to drive, and in normal circumstances we would provide a factual report for DVLA so that their expert medical advisers can decide upon fitness. If we provide an opinion that someone is fit, and then an accident occurs, are we liable? If we say a patient is not fit, then this can adversely affect our long term relationship with that patient. For these reasons, if you have any doubt about whether a person is fit to drive, you should decline to provide this assurance, and should write to DVLA explaining that you cannot give an opinion, but offering to provide factual information about a person's health.

## [LMC England Conference](#)

This year's annual LMC England conference will be held on Friday 27 November virtually. More information will be provided nearer the time on how to access the virtual conference. Registration by the 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

## [Barnsley CCG Accountable Officer](#)

Barnsley Clinical Commissioning Group has this week announced they have appointed Chris Edwards as their new Accountable Officer.

Chris will continue in his existing role as Accountable Officer of neighbouring Rotherham Clinical Commissioning Group and lead both CCGs.

## [Covid-19](#)

Health and care leaders met this week and discussed the steadily rising number of infections in South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw. Whilst our excess deaths and hospitalisations continue to remain very low, there is now an increase in new infections of Covid-19 across South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw (SYB).

This development is very much within the changes in infection rates we are seeing nationally and goes some way to explaining this [week's government announcement](#) making changes to Covid-19 regulations, including from 14 September, social gatherings in England involving six persons or more will be unlawful.

In SYB our latest Public Health update suggests that the greatest rise in number of infections is among 17-25 year olds and as we welcome back our thriving student populations we anticipate that there is likely to continue to be an impact on infection rates across our places.

## [LMC Buying Group](#)

Barnsley LMC has been a member of the LMC Buying Groups Federation since 2013. This means that practices can access the discounts the Buying Group has negotiated on a wide range of products and services. If you're not sure what the Buying Group is all about then this short video explains what they do: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FekMwFI5Lg>.



By registering with the Buying Group: [www.lmcbuyinggroups.co.uk/members/](http://www.lmcbuyinggroups.co.uk/members/), you can view all the suppliers' pricing, contact details and request quotes. The Buying Group also offers any member practice a free cost analysis which demonstrates how much money your practice could save just by swapping to buying group suppliers. Tel: 0115 979 6910 Email: [info@lmcbuyinggroups.co.uk](mailto:info@lmcbuyinggroups.co.uk)  
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## GP Vacancy

As part of a planned expansion in clinical staff over recent years, and a commitment to improve work life balance, we are looking to recruit a GP (full or part time considered) to join our existing team.

We currently have a team of 11 GPs, 1 NP, 5 PNs and 3 HCAs plus full complement of supporting admin staff.

- List size 13000
- CQC rated "good" all areas August 2019
- EMIS web clinical system
- High QOF achievement
- Regular clinical meetings

We are a long established training practice working from modern purpose built premises.

Training practice for registrars, undergraduate medical students from Sheffield medical school, student nurses and also Physicians associates. The practice has a strong educational ethos. Special clinical interests encouraged.

Good links with local neighbourhood nursing team and primary care network, regular clinics delivered by specialist teams e.g. diabetes, copd.

Terms & conditions negotiable

Informal visits welcomed

Please contact Jayne Hackleton, Practice Manager

[Jayne.hackleton@nhs.net](mailto:Jayne.hackleton@nhs.net)

Tel: 01226 352404



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## **Medical Director Vacancy**

This is an exciting opportunity to fulfil a very significant and high-profile leadership role at Barnsley Healthcare Federation.

Barnsley Healthcare Federation (BHF) is a not-for-profit Community Interest Company which aims to improve and enhance the way in which primary care at scale is delivered within Barnsley. Drawing upon the knowledge and expertise of health professionals from across the borough, our vision is to deliver a robust publicly-funded health and social care service which meets the needs of the local community. We believe that regardless of location or need, every patient should receive the same high standard of care, at times when they need it most.

BHF operate in the town of Barnsley and run the GP Out of Hours service, Extended hours, Home Visiting, and GP Streaming services. We also hold the contract for 4 practices in Lundwood, Brierley, Highgate and Goldthorpe as well as leading the way in supporting practices during the current pandemic. BHF has led the way in development and implementation of the local Primary Care Network (PCN). The Barnsley area has grouped together into one PCN and this is the largest PCN in the country.

The Medical Director role is responsible for clinical leadership across all services; in conjunction with the Chair, the Board and the Senior Management Team develop the clinical service strategy for BHF. They will be responsible for the oversight of and the implementation of models of care and clinical patient pathways across Barnsley Healthcare Federation's Clinical Governance.

Strong leadership, interpersonal and team working skills are required, as well as the vision and drive to successfully promote continuous improvement in the quality of healthcare, clinical practice and patient safety through professional networks and within our organisation.

You will need to be a practicing GP with a current licence to practice. You will be an experienced clinician with a detailed understanding of medical best practice, regulation and NHS England and Improvement policy. You will have excellent communication and interpersonal skills.

This role is full time and would be undertaken in conjunction with clinical practice at our practices. The successful candidate will work 7 clinical sessions per week with the rest of the time undertaking Medical Director Work.

Benefits:

- Competitive salary of up to £120,000 per annum
- NHS Pension with employer contribution of 14.38%
- Annual staff bonus
- 6 weeks annual leave plus bank holidays
- We pay your GMC fees and medical indemnity
- Monthly in-house training event

If you have any questions about the role, please reach out to [Mehrban.ghani@nhs.net](mailto:Mehrban.ghani@nhs.net) or [james.barker3@nhs.net](mailto:james.barker3@nhs.net). To apply, please send a CV and covering letter to [carol.barker14@nhs.net](mailto:carol.barker14@nhs.net) before the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

# THE HOLLYGREEN PRACTICE

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Great Houghton Medical  
Centre  
Great Houghton  
Rotherham  
S72 0EJ

Thurnscoe Centre  
Holly Bush Drive  
Thurnscoe  
Rotherham  
S63 0LT

## SALARIED GP (FULL TIME/PART TIME)

We are looking to recruit a motivated and committed Salaried GP to join our highly dedicated and professional team and contribute to all work streams at the practice.

We achieved a CQC rating of 'Good' across all domains at our last inspection.

We provide teaching for medical students and are currently looking to become a Training Practice.

We are dedicated to providing the best possible care for our patients.

We are a GMS Practice with a practice list size of approximately 11,000 patients in the Dearne area of Barnsley. We are fully computerised and use System One.

There are five GP Partners, and 1 Salaried GP. We operate from three modern purpose built facilities in Goldthorpe, Thurnscoe and Great Houghton. We are actively involved in the local commissioning agenda.

We also have an excellent support team who operate across all sites.

Salary is £9.5k per session plus MDU subscriptions.

Start date: As soon as possible, but we are happy to wait for the right candidate.

If you would like more information or would like to apply please apply in writing sending your CV to: **Sharon Copeland, Practice Manager at the Goldthorpe Centre, address as shown above or via email to [sharoncopeland@nhs.net](mailto:sharoncopeland@nhs.net).**

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### WE ARE LOOKING FOR AN ADVANCED NURSE PRACTITIONER

We are a large and busy GP surgery occupying three sites in the Dearne area of Barnsley.

We are looking to appoint an experienced permanent Advanced Nurse Practitioner (ANP) who is enthusiastic and committed to providing good quality health care who would like to join our friendly team.

Both full and part time hours may be considered.

The salary is between £40K to £50k on a pro-rata basis depending upon experience, plus NHS pension and medical defence cover.

The ANP will need to evidence first rate clinical ability together with experience of working autonomously and competence in running minor illness surgeries independently. The ANP must be prepared to do home visits, blood results, repeat prescriptions, incoming hospital correspondence and referrals.

The successful candidate will be based within our clinical team and will be supported by an experienced administrative and friendly reception team.

We use System One as our clinical computer system.

Job Type: Permanent

If you are interested in the post please contact Sharon Copeland on 01709 886288 or via email at [sharoncopeland@nhs.net](mailto:sharoncopeland@nhs.net).



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### **General Practitioner Required:**

Barnsley Healthcare Federation's i-HEART service is looking for a dynamic and experienced GP to join our team in the Blue Clinic based at Oaks Park Primary Care Centre in Kendray. This is a minimum 3-month opportunity for shifts on Saturdays and Sundays, with flexibility to work either 2 sessions or 3 sessions per day. The rate of pay is **£95 per hour** (negotiable based on experience) which can be paid direct to a limited company or sole trader only.

The Blue Clinic provides face to face consultations and home visits for patients who are experiencing symptoms or have a diagnosis of COVID-19. Working alongside i-HEART's Out of Hours and Extended Hours services, the Blue Clinic operates with referrals from the NHS 111 service and direct from in-house telephone lines. All cases are triaged prior to appointments, and GPs colleagues are available for peer support when required. Patient and staff safety are of the utmost importance, and there are strict procedures, PPE requirements and cleaning schedules in place to ensure your wellbeing. These measures have ensured that no staff have been infected since the clinic began in April.

GPs working in the Blue Clinic complete 15-minute appointments, and are supported by an admin and driver colleague at each shift.

For further information, please contact Thomas Croker, the Relationship and Development Manager of the i-HEART service via email or telephone:

[Thomas.croker1@nhs.net](mailto:Thomas.croker1@nhs.net) 07907758603

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ELECTRONIC COPIES OF THIS NEWSLETTER**

GPs on Barnsley Medical Performers List are welcome to attend any LMC meeting as an observer. Please let the LMC office know if you wish to attend.

Barnsley LMC offers help and advice to support GPs with any disputes or complaints which they may encounter. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of any assistance.



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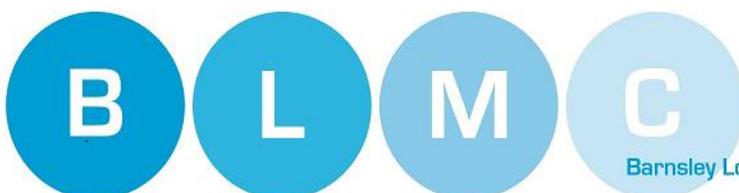
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