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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/>

January:        Movement Disorders and Parkinson’s  
                      Headaches  
                      Neck Lumps  
                      Prevent

**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).

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](#).

**YHSIT Update**

Please see the latest [update](#)

## [A Big Thank You From Dr Pete Lane On His Retirement From General Practice](#)

I would really like to say a big thank you to GP colleagues and friends for their support, advice and shared concern to collectively do our best for the Barnsley population over the years. I have had a marvellous 35 year GP career in Barnsley and genuinely feel it has been a privilege to work here alongside both Primary Care and Secondary Care Colleagues.

The health service has a lot of challenges at all levels but General Practice remains the cornerstone for community health care.

Despite a relentless series of re-organisations I don't feel that the fundamental essence of being a jobbing GP has changed. We help people manage their health issues from cradle to grave. I have dealt with the lows and highs of many peoples life journeys and developed the highest of respect for the countless people who by and large manage their own illnesses or care marvellously for those close to them. This is inspiring to me. I am confident that the next generation of Barnsley GPs will adapt to the emerging requirements of supporting larger multi-professional teams to maintain high levels of care.

I have spent most of my GP career involved in education and on retiring from clinical practice will continue to work with Health Education England to try and improve education and training for the growing wider workforce in General Practice. I will also continue my NHS England role as the Barnsley Appraisal lead and as an Appraiser. I shall also be continuing my role as Barnsley Medical Referee.

Many thanks again and my best wishes to the LMC as a voice and advocate for General Practice in Barnsley

Pete

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## Referrals to Barnsley Hospital Emergency Department

Barnsley Hospital Emergency Department is very busy right now and has been for the last few weeks. The CCG asks that everyone works together and with the CCG to be able to continue to provide the best possible care for our patients.

Please can practices ensure that referrals, especially for Paediatric ED, are submitted through official channels. Please do not issue patients with a printed referral letter and ask them to attend ED without first submitting a proper referral. Should practices/clinicians need to speak to a hospital doctor, please ask to speak to the on-call SHO or Registrar rather than calling the CAU direct.

Please only ask people to attend the hospital Emergency Department if absolutely necessary. We have large numbers in attendance and patients may have to wait a long time before they are seen. Your co-operation and support is, as ever, very much appreciated.

## Monkeypox Case in England

Please can the attached Information from Public Health England Yorkshire & The Humber be shared with clinicians in your practice.

## Barnsley Carers Service

Are any of your patients looking after a family member, loved one or a friend? The **Barnsley Carers Service** can offer them a range of support, including one to one sessions, to help them in their caring role and to also look after their own health and wellbeing.

The Service is based at Priory Campus, Pontefract Road, Barnsley but also provides support at a variety of locations across the borough. If necessary, carers can also be visited in the comfort of their own home. Visit the Barnsley Carers Service Facebook page to see what they are doing in the local community.

For information, advice or support, Carers can either self refer to the service or be referred by a professional by telephoning the team on 01226 288772.

Barnsley Council has teamed up with Carers UK to give unpaid carers in our area access to a wide range of digital tools and essential resources that may help make their caring situation easier. The online platform brings together Carers UK's digital products and online resources with local information and support for carers onto a single webpage providing them with an opportunity to 'self-help', and have the ability to dip in and out of the platform as much or as little as they like, and in their own time.

Carers can get free access to all the products and support resources by clicking on the link <https://carersdigital.org/login/index.php> and creating a new account by using our Barnsley unique access code **DGTL3300**

## [Cancer 2 Week Waits Referral Forms](#)

Important information regarding completing Cancer two week wait referrals can be found [here](#).

## [A Quarter Of Cancer Patients Experience Avoidable Delay To Diagnosis](#)

One in four cancer patients experienced a delay to their diagnosis that could have been avoided, according to a new study by Cancer Research UK.

The [study](#), published in Cancer Epidemiology\*, looked at data the national cancer registry of around 14,300 people diagnosed with cancer in England in one year.\*\*

It found that nearly 3,400 patients experienced a delay that could have been avoided. Half of these patients waited around two months longer to be diagnosed compared with those who didn't have an avoidable delay.

The reasons for delays are complex but researchers on this study attempted to identify what could go wrong. The study authors asked GPs to identify when the delay happened - before the patient saw their GP, while they were still being assessed by the GP practice or after they had referred them.

## [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=FekMwFI5lLg>.



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) Website: [www.lmcbuyinggroups.co.uk](http://www.lmcbuyinggroups.co.uk)

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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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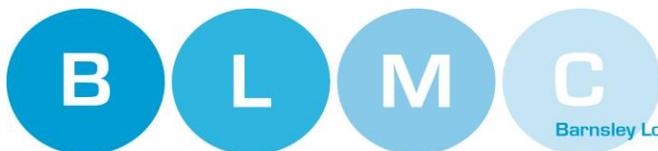
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your GP/Practice vacancies**

**Please contact the LMC office with details**



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