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

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019 – Contraception and Gynaecology  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019 – Balance

For further information on The BEST Portal website can be accessed at <http://best.barnsleyccg.nhs.uk/>

**Rapid Discharge From Inpatient Care**

At the recent Barnsley LMC Meeting held in July, Chris Lawson, APC, reported that she had discussed with Dr Chari the need for advice and guidance being available following rapid discharge from inpatient care. Dr Chari confirmed that this would now be available and duty rotas will be provided at the hospital to cover this.

**LGA Charts Growing Impact of Health and Wellbeing Boards**

This report highlights how health and wellbeing boards (HWBs) are making a real difference through a wide range of initiatives, including reducing hospital admissions and time spent in hospital, reducing demand for GP appointments, helping thousands of smokers to quit, imposing restrictions on fast food outlets near schools, and reducing unemployment, poverty and poor housing.

[Read more »](#)

**All Referrers to the Imaging Department at BHNFT**

Barnsley Hospital has issued information to clinicians who refer into radiology highlighting the need for sufficient clinical information on referrals. Please pass this [letter](#) onto the relevant clinicians in your teams

**Interim NHS People Plan**

Our Interim NHS People Plan, developed collaboratively with national leaders and partners, sets a vision for how people working in the NHS will be supported to deliver that care and identifies the actions we will take to help them. [Read more here..](#)

## Women Should Be Advised That Routine Annual Review of Their Contraception Is Recommended During CHC Use

The GDG recommend that women who continue CHC should be routinely **reviewed on an annual basis**; routine follow-up, including annual recording of blood pressure and BMI measurement may be achieved without a face-to-face consultation. Women with certain existing medical conditions may benefit from attending more frequently or for face-to-face follow-up.

All women should be advised to return or seek professional advice at any time if they are experiencing troublesome side effects, have a significant new health event, start new medication, wish to discontinue CHC or to discuss alternative methods.

There is no evidence that frequent follow-up improves correct or continued use of CHC. A systematic review<sup>368</sup> which identified two studies found little difference in effective contraceptive use between adolescents who had (telephone) contact with their provider and those who did not. A randomised trial of daily text message reminders among women with a mean age of 22 years did not improve OC adherence.

After the recent reduction in provision of sexual health services to over 25's we thought this information may be useful, to those who are still offering 6 monthly pill checks to their patients.

## Yorkshire Ambulance Service

At the recent SYLMC meeting YAS attended and concerns raised by LMC members were put forward. These included practices being a place of safety for people, for example having MIs and the surgery being asked to look after them until an ambulance arrived. YAS reported that some ambulance areas are downgrading GP calls, but YAS is not doing this. An MI is not a Category One response any longer – it is a Category Two, 19 minute response and not the 8 minute response as before. Category One is for patients that aren't breathing, need defibrillating, need adrenalin. Everything else is Category Two and has a 19 minute response. YAS informed that the biggest delays being experienced were handover at hospitals, whereby crews can be sat for hours waiting to hand over patients. YAS also said that it is preferred that the GP make to call for the ambulance rather than other members of the practice staff. An example given for this was that if a receptionist called for an ambulance they could not answer if the patient was breathing or not as they were not with them. GPs also need to be using the NEWS (National Early Warning Score) scoring system, although this is not well validated in primary care.

The ambulance service is also trying to do some IT work so they can access GP Practice Systems. Ideas on how this could best work are invited from GPs. An example of this is if an ambulance turns up and the patient refuses to get in it then this information can be added to SystmOne, but not currently to EMIS. Ambulance Services are asking what information GPs would like conveying to them, would GPs like a full set of obs putting on, potential diagnosis etc. because at the moment no information is being passed to GPs. **Any ideas or thoughts to be emailed to Barnsley LMC and these will be passed on to YAS.**

## NHS Launches Accredited Suppliers For Electronic Patient Records

NHSX and NHS England have published a list of accredited suppliers of electronic patient record solutions, to give purchasers in the NHS more confidence in their route to digitisation. NHS England and NHSX have developed a new section on the Health Systems Support Framework to help organisations and integrated care systems get best value for money ....



# Office of H.M. Coroner

The Medico-Legal Centre, Watery Street, Sheffield S3 7ES

HM Senior Coroner:

South Yorkshire (West)

Christopher P. Dorries OBE

(0114) 2738721

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11 September 2019

Dear Sir/Madam

## **Reporting deaths to the coroner – advance notice of important changes**

The Government have announced new legislation which, for the first time, places a duty upon doctors to refer certain deaths to the coroner. A link to the Statutory Instrument, which takes effect from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019, can be found here: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2019/1112/made>.

This does not bring any changes to the types of death that you will be used to referring, however, there will be an expectation that deaths are reported in writing rather than on the telephone as commonly happens now. In view of this, I shall be introducing an online referral system over the next few months and this letter is to give you advance notice of the new process.

I know that it has often been difficult for doctors to get through to my officers on the telephone at busy times and I very much hope that this change will be an improvement to the current system, making referral easier and taking less of your time as well as assisting you to meet the legislative requirements.

Deaths will be referred via an online portal, which will be accessible to you 24/7. The portal will request the same information about the death as the current process of speaking to a coroner's officer. Once completed, the information will drop directly into the coronial case management system.

I will write to you again with more details on how to access the portal and with dates when the new process will commence. There will be a 'transitional period' when you can contact the office in the current way and a member of staff will talk you through a referral via the portal if you are in need.

If your practice is involved in the Medical Examiner Scheme you may continue to refer to the Medical Examiner through the current mechanism, or refer to my office through the portal as you choose. If you choose the latter your referral will be shared immediately with the Medical Examiner's office and you would continue to deal with the ME in the normal way.

I would be very grateful if you would pass this information onto any other professionals in your area so they are aware of the future change. This letter is being sent to all relevant surgeries and organisations in the Sheffield and Barnsley region.

I will be in touch again in the near future.

Yours sincerely

Professor Christopher Dorries OBE

**HM Senior Coroner**

## **Fit For Work ESA65B Letter**

The Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) has revised the ESA65B letter template, which is sent to GPs once an Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) claimant has been found fit for work following a Work Capability Assessment (WCA), to inform the GP of the WCA outcome and advise them that fit notes are no longer required for ESA purposes. The ESA65B was revised to further emphasise the clinical discretion of GPs to continue issuing fit notes in appropriate circumstances such as when an appeal against a DWP decision is being undertaken. A sample of the revised ESA65B letter is attached at the end of the short guide on the benefits system for GPs which can be found here:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/816487/the-benefits-system-a-short-guide-for-gps.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/816487/the-benefits-system-a-short-guide-for-gps.pdf)

## **Improved NHS Care for Parkinson's, Multiple Sclerosis and Motor Neurone Disease to Save 2,500 Hospital Trips**

People living with brain and nerve conditions like Parkinson's could benefit from quicker diagnosis and better coordinated care as part of a new NHS initiative, which is also set to free up millions of pounds to reinvest in patient care. NHS experts have joined forces with seven leading charities to produce a toolkit that will [...]

## **NHS Calls On A-level Students To Join The NHS**

As nearly half a million students get their A-level results, NHS leaders are calling on young people to consider a career in nursing. The NHS has worked with universities to offer more than 7,000 extra nursing places in higher education from this September, as part of the NHS Long Term Plan to build a [...]

## **Action to Help Tens of Thousands More People Avoid Lengthy Spells in Hospital Is Being Rolled Out Nationwide As Part Of The NHS Long Term Plan.**

NHS doctors, nurses and other staff are being encouraged to ask themselves 'Why not home? Why not today?' when planning care for patients recovering from an operation or illness, as part of a campaign – called '[Where Best Next?](#)' – which aims to see around 140,000 people every year spared a hospital stay of three weeks or more. [https://www.england.nhs.uk/2019/08/new-nhs-plan-to-help-patients-avoid-long-hospital-stays/?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+NHSCBoard+%28NHS+Engl+and%29](https://www.england.nhs.uk/2019/08/new-nhs-plan-to-help-patients-avoid-long-hospital-stays/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+NHSCBoard+%28NHS+Engl+and%29)

## **Joint Guidance of the Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme**

NHS England has now published the joint guidance on the [Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme](#) (ARRS) that will commence in April 2020. It is hoped that by releasing it now, PCNs will be able to better prepare for the additional workforce from 2020.

## **PHE's Guide to Addressing Obesity**

A whole systems approach to addressing obesity using PHE's [newly published guide](#), which supports local approaches to promoting a healthy weight has been published

## **Tier 2 Visa Sponsorship**

Perhaps you are hoping to recruit a new GP or provide supervision for a GP on the international GP Recruitment scheme?

Now is a good time to consider becoming a Tier 2 visa sponsor. GP registrars from non-EU countries are looking for posts and the international recruitment programme is expanding into more non-EU countries.

All of the costs are currently being reimbursed. Individual practices employing international GPs no longer have to complete the Resident Labour Market Test as this has been covered nationally.

Becoming a sponsor and getting a certificate of sponsorship for a specific doctor can take 4-6 months so if you begin at the point when it is needed it can be too late. Your LMC are able to advise you and help with the application process if needed.

## **Personalised Health Checks**

[A new evidence-based review](#) of the NHS Health Check has been announced today by the Secretary of State for Health in England. This review will explore the options for more targeted health checks. We will keep you updated should this have implications for the current NHS health check programme.

## **CCG Roles Where ICPs Are Established**

NHS England has published a briefing on the implications for CCGs if they choose to commission services through an integrated care provider (ICP) model.

It looks at the impact on their duties, powers and activities. [More....](#)

## **The Integrated Care Provider 2019/20**

NHS England has published the documents based on the NHS standard contract that between them provide the basis for the integrated care provider (ICP) contract.

ICPs cover the middle tier – so-called “place-based systems”, usually corresponding to boroughs – in integrated care systems. [More....](#)

## **A&E Overused But GP Access Difficult – Coincidence?**

The first ever large-scale research into attitudes towards emergency care from the most recent British Social Attitudes Survey shows that many people think A&E is overused, while many also report difficulties getting GP appointments.

The [survey](#) also reveals significant differences in perspectives according to area of deprivation, age, gender and other socio-demographic factors.

## **Get The Inside Track On Integrating New Workforce Roles**

Primary care networks provide the opportunity (and funding) to add new roles to existing general practice teams – to alleviate workload, to plug capacity gaps, to improve the services on offer to patients, or often a combination of the three. How well do you understand new roles like the clinical pharmacist, the social-prescribing link worker and the physician associate?

This half-day event in [London on 25 September](#) gives you the opportunity to find out from three professionals already working in general practice what they contribute. They will also share their experiences about how well prepared they felt for their new roles and the challenges they faced, providing valuable tips on how to get it right for practice managers and PCN leads considering expanding their teams. The event also provides an update and opportunities to ask questions about funding for new roles, as well as an action-planning session to apply the lessons from the case studies to your local situation.

## **Guidance On Care For Adults With Eating Disorders**

NHS England has published guidance for the development of plans to deliver community adult eating disorder services that are integrated with day and/or inpatient care to reduce admissions, length-of-stay and improve outcomes for users, families and carers. [More....](#)

## **YHSIT Update**

The latest YHSIT update can be found [here](#)

The YH SIT 'Flu Special Edition' Update can be found [here](#)

## **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](#).

## [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)

## [Buying Group Update](#)

Please see the new [approved supplier list](#) available to all practices, you just need to register.

### **Scan House**

It has been brought to our attention that some member practices are not aware of recent changes to the [list](#) of LMC Buying Group approved suppliers. [Scan House](#), who specialise in the scanning of paper documentation to electronic format and provide dedicated document archiving and records management solutions, have been a Buying Group supplier since 1 April. They also offer back scanning services for practices wanting to digitise all paper records

### **Baywater Healthcare**

There was a very small increase in the cost of the Buying Group's recovery oxygen package from 1 April however, Baywater Healthcare still offer the most competitive rate in the marketplace at £92 + VAT for the annual cylinder rental. This price is fixed on a three year contract with no maintenance required throughout the contract life. Members can place an order with Baywater Healthcare by completing this [quote form](#).

### **Recruitment**

The LMC Buying Group recruitment advertising platform has hosted 160 GP practice vacancies since launching last year and has provided greater exposure for adverts. THIS IS A FREE SERVICE and if you would like to use them when you are next recruiting clinical and non-clinical roles. You will need to upload a form, practices must login to their website, and upload the advert on their [recruitment](#) page.

## Practice Vacancies

# Dr Mellor and Partners

Dr A D Mellor, Dr H J Smith, Dr A Santiago Martin, Dr C Hollis, Dr M Wrest, Dr J Farrington, Dr S Haldon

Garland House Surgery  
1 Church Street  
Darfield  
Barnsley  
S73 9JX  
Tel: 01226 759622  
Fax: 01226 759307  
[www.garlandhousesurgery.co.uk](http://www.garlandhousesurgery.co.uk)

Woodgrove Surgery  
2 Doncaster Road  
Wath-upon-Dearne  
Rotherham  
S63 7AL  
Tel: 01709 763400  
Fax: 01709 872899  
[www.woodgrovesurgery.co.uk](http://www.woodgrovesurgery.co.uk)

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## Salaried GP vacancy

We are a long-established training practice operating from excellent surgery premises in Darfield and Wath Upon Dearne with good transport links.

We are interested in hearing from GPs who share our vision in delivering the best healthcare for patients.

- List size 12,000
- Full or part time
- Training Practice
- 4 Partners
- 3 Salaried GPs
- ANP
- Experienced and dedicated support staff
- Special interests supported and developed
- CQC overall rating 'Good'
- Emis Web

Informal visits to the practice are welcome, please contact Donna Brook Practice Manager on 01226 272285 or email [donnabrook@nhs.net](mailto:donnabrook@nhs.net)

Applications: Covering letter and CV to the above address or email [donnabrook@nhs.net](mailto:donnabrook@nhs.net)

## **Barnsley Healthcare Federation**

**Salaried GP's required**

**Full and Part Time positions**

**Sessional rate: up to £10,500 per session plus pension and Indemnity/GMC fees covered by the Federation and 1 paid CPD session per week!**

Barnsley Healthcare Federation CIC is a not for profit organisation, putting GPs and healthcare professionals at the forefront of Primary Healthcare provision in Barnsley. We manage practices in Lundwood, Brierley, Highgate and Goldthorpe, and also have a number of other innovative services in Out of Hours, Home Visiting, and GP Streaming to name a few more!

Working in partnership with our training practices, we have some exciting opportunities for Salaried GP's in both Clinical and Development roles in the Federation. If you have a specialist interest then we can support you in developing that interest.

We are looking for enthusiastic, energetic GP's to join the Federation and provide optimum Primary Care at scale, to fulfill the healthcare needs of Barnsley.

Candidates must possess a positive attitude, be fully registered on the General Medical Council Register, have a recognised certificate of Vocational Training as well as having the ability to work as part of a team.

Evidence of continuous personal and professional development, an awareness and understanding of the NHS reforms and the impact this has had on primary care is essential.

If you are interested in applying please send your CV and covering letter to Carol Barker at [carol.barker14@nhs.net](mailto:carol.barker14@nhs.net) or by post to Carol Barker, HR Department, Barnsley Healthcare Federation CIC, Oaks Park Primary Care Centre, Thornton Road, Kendray, Barnsley, S70 3NE

**VALLEY MEDICAL CENTRE  
STOCKSBRIDGE**

**SALARIED GP / SALARIED GP WITH A VIEW TO PARTNERSHIP**

We are a friendly, forward looking, PMS practice in the north of Sheffield, looking for an enthusiastic doctor to join our well organised and supportive team.

- Purpose built, newly upgraded premises
- Five Partners ( stable partnership)
- Four salaried GP
- Full nursing support, inc HCA, Phlebotomist
- SystemOne Clinical system
- 2-8 sessions per week
- List size 9500 with increases expected.
- 6 weeks annual leave/1 week study pro rata
- Long standing lead members of the Upper Don Neighbourhood
- Rural area with strong community links
- Salary £8854 per session per annum

Due to near future retirements and internal adjustments for work life balance we can be flexible with sessions and days. We are looking for a hard working motivated GP to join our team who is able to provide the full range of General Medical Services. We especially encourage applications from GP trainers or those aspiring to become trainers and are supportive of those wishing to develop special interests.

For further information about our practice, please visit our website  
[www.valleymedicalcentre.org.uk](http://www.valleymedicalcentre.org.uk)

Please apply in writing with a CV to Liz Sedgwick, Practice Manager, Valley Medical Centre, Johnson Street,  
Stocksbridge, Sheffield, S36 1BX. Tel: 0114 2836900  
Email: [lizedgwick@nhs.net](mailto:lizedgwick@nhs.net)

## **Wombwell Medical Centre**

We are seeking to recruit an enthusiastic and motivated Salaried GP to join our team. We require a GP with excellent interpersonal skills to work 6 to 8 sessions.

We are a proactive, friendly practice in Barnsley with an approximate patient list size of 10,000 and growing; EMIS Web Clinical System; Consistently high QOF achievers and offer a range of enhanced services.

We currently have 3 GP partners and 3 Advanced Nurse Practitioners. The team includes highly skilled practice nurses, HCA & Phlebotomists, plus management & administrative support.

We are rated as 'Good' overall on our CQC inspection in 2018.

We are offering a competitive remuneration package in line with BMA contract. Applicants must be registered with the GMC or be able to register with them to practice.

Good CPD support to help you develop your career in general practice, with opportunities to develop special interests and become a partner.

We hold weekly meetings including monthly clinical education meetings with visiting speakers.

We are member of the South Primary Care Network, Barnsley Healthcare Federation and Barnsley CCG.

Start date as soon as possible, but would be happy to wait for the right candidate.

Please apply with current CV and covering letter to: Jane Taylor, Practice Manager, Wombwell Medical Centre, George Street, Wombwell, Barnsley, S730DD, janetaylor1@nhs.net or Telephone 01226 752470 for further information.



## **DISPENSARY TECHNICIAN**

A vacancy has arisen within the Dispensary Team at this busy GP Training Practice.

The successful candidate will be highly motivated team member providing a high level of customer service and communication.

Dispensing experience would be highly beneficial but not essential. The successful candidate will be required to train for a dispensary qualification NVQ Level 2.

Duties will be undertaken at the main surgery in Penistone plus travelling to our branch sites in Silkstone & Thurgoland

The post will be 30 hours per week ( Mon - Fri ) between the hours of 8.00a.m. & 8.00p.m.

Salary will be commensurate with experience within the current salary scale £15,500 – £19,000 (w.t.e. 37 hours)

Please send C.V. and covering letter (by post, E-mail or fax) to:-

**Mrs Melanie Furniss, Office Manager,  
Penistone Group Practice, 19 High Street, Penistone, Sheffield S36 6BR  
Tel: 01226-762424 Fax: 01226-762984  
E-mail: melanie.furniss@nhs.net**



## **FINANCE CONTROLLER**

An opportunity has arisen in this expanding GP training/Dispensary Practice.

The successful applicant will manage the practice finances on a day to day basis working within a small admin team.

Reporting directly to the Business Manager.

Main duties:

Payroll/BACS payments

V.A.T Returns

Partnership Finances

Practice accounts on Sage 50 Cloud

Candidates should have strong interpersonal skills and the ability to work to strict deadlines.

The post is Monday – Friday up to 37 hours.  
Salary is negotiable depending on experience.

Please send C.V. and covering letter  
(by post, E-mail or fax) to:-

**Mrs Melanie Furniss, Office Manager,**  
**Penistone Group Practice, 19 High Street, Penistone, Sheffield S36 6BR**  
**Tel: 01226-762424      Fax: 01226-762984**  
**E-mail: melanie.furniss@nhs.net**



## **PRACTICE NURSE VACANCY**

An exciting opportunity has arisen within the Integrated Nursing Team at this expanding GP Training/Dispensing Practice

Practice Nurse experience is **ESSENTIAL**

You must have existing experience of working in a primary care environment, management of chronic diseases, all vaccinations and immunisations, and be a cytology sample taker. Being an independent prescriber would also be an advantage.

Further training and clinical development will be encouraged and supported

The successful candidate will be expected to undertake their duties at the main surgery in Penistone and at our branch sites at Silkstone and Thurgoland

35hrs per week

Salary will be commensurate with experience

Please send C.V. and covering letter (by post, E-mail or fax) to:-

**Mrs Angie Watmough, Practice Nurse Manager**  
**Penistone Group Practice, 19 High Street, Penistone, Sheffield S36 6BR**

Tel: 01226-762424 Fax: 01226-762984

E-mail: [angie.watmough@nhs.net](mailto:angie.watmough@nhs.net)

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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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**Please contact the LMC office with details**



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