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Apprenticeship co-investment rate

Following the budget, the Chancellor announced that he would halve the apprenticeship co-investment rate – from 10% to 5%. This will halve the cost of apprenticeship training for small employers. Around 98% of employers are small enough not to pay the levy, in the NHS this applies to primary care, dental practices and all other non-levy paying NHS organisations.

These employers will benefit the most from this change. For example, a GP practice would have the opportunity to train a registered nurse for only 5% co-investment; which equates to £1350; over a typical 4 year programme this would only be £337.50 a year This change will take place in 2019.

Further details of will be announced in due course. Further details are also to follow as to whether this change will also apply to levy payers who use all their funds and dip into co-investment.

If you require further details, please contact Fay Lane Apprenticeship Relationship Manager – North Talent for Care | Education Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) Health Education England T. 0191 275 4676, M. 07946317370 E. Fay.Lane@hee.nhs.uk W. [www.hee.nhs.uk/ne](http://www.hee.nhs.uk/ne)

DWP Guidance on Completing Medical Reports

The Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) has [published guidance for doctors](#) who are involved with the benefit system. There is also more specific guidance which has been designed to offer support to GPs when asked to provide information on behalf of their patients and help clarify the various different benefits and processes involved. We continue to liaise with the DWP and meet regularly to seek improvements where possible.

## Prescribing of Cannabis-based Products

The new regulations to widen the availability of cannabis-based medicinal within the NHS came into effect on 1st November 2018. Prescribing is restricted to a doctor on the GMC specialist register prescribing within their field of expertise where the cannabis-based product is an unlicensed 'special' medicinal product for use by a specific patient. Once a product receives a licence from the MHRA, it will be available for prescription in the same way as any other Schedule 2 drug.

The BMA has published some [Q&As](#) to explain what these changes mean, which include links to guidance from [NHS England](#), [BPNA \(for children with epilepsy\)](#), and [RCP and RCR \(recommendations on cannabis-based products for medicinal use\)](#).

NHS England has also published a [patient leaflet](#) which helpfully states that 'You cannot get cannabis-based medicine from your GP - it can only be prescribed by a specialist hospital doctor'.

## National Data Opt-out

A new national data opt-out model, launched in May, replaces the 'type 2' opt-out. The new model provides an online facility for individuals to opt-out from the use of their confidential data for purposes other than direct care i.e. for the purposes research and health service planning. Patients who had previously registered a 'type 2' opt-out have had this converted into a national data opt-out. It is important that patients are aware of their right to opt-out. Despite efforts to raise public awareness as part of the Information Commissioner's Office 'your data matters' campaign recently published figures show that uptake of the national opt-out has been lower than expected.

Patients can set their opt-out preferences [at http://www.nhs.uk/your-nhs-data-matters/](http://www.nhs.uk/your-nhs-data-matters/) using their NHS number and email address or telephone number which is on the GP record or on the Personal Demographics Service database to register their decision to opt out. Patients who are unable to use the online facility can use a phone helpline 0300 303 5678. A paper print-and-post form is available on the NHS website along with a patient poster and handout pack.

The new opt-out is provided in line with the recommendations of the National Data Guardian in her 2016 'Review of Data Security, Consent and Opt-Outs'. NHS Digital are applying patients' preferences but there is a longer timetable for implementation across the rest of the system by 2020. The national opt-out will not apply in the following circumstances:

- the patient has given consent to a specific project (e.g. a medical research project)
- statutory requirements to share data (e.g. Section 259 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 which requires providers to share data with NHS Digital)
- where there is an overriding public interest for the opt-out not to apply
- other specific circumstance

'Type 1' opt-outs will continue to apply and be respected. A 'type 1' opt-out prevents confidential patient information from leaving the GP practice for purposes other than direct care. Practices should continue to record 'type 1' opt-outs.

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

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019

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

## **New IG Toolkit – Data Security and Protection**

GP Practices are mandated by the Department of Health to carry out and publish an Information Governance assessment toolkit by the 31st March each year. This year the format of the required toolkit has changed; it is now called the Data Security and Protection Toolkit (DSPT) access to which can be found using the following link <https://www.dsptoolkit.nhs.uk/>. The toolkit is based on the National Data Guardians report and has more emphasis on IT security. Whilst the toolkit does not need to be completed and published until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 as it's a new system we would encourage all Practices to access the toolkit to ensure you're able to log on complete it later in the year.

NHS England – North (Yorkshire and the Humber) commission IG support on behalf of our GP Practices from an organisation called Embed. Their IG team is there to help and support Primary Care organisations by offering advice, issuing guidance and supplying exemplar policies and other documentation. They are also able to support you with the Data Security and Protection toolkit however they are unable to complete it on your behalf. If you would like to access IG support from Embed their helpdesk can be emailed at the following address - [Embed.infogov@nhs.net](mailto:Embed.infogov@nhs.net)

## **Fluad – Update from NHS England**

We have been made aware (nationally) that a small number of practices have already asked the manufacturer of aTIV to collect vaccine under the sale or return clause. This is very early in the season to do this, practices have until February. Most importantly, vaccine returned to the manufacturer cannot be used so is effectively taken out of circulation.

We therefore request that you liaise with your local SIT coordinator and CCG flu co-ordinator/lead before requesting vaccine is returned at this early stage in order to enable discussions on using the vaccine elsewhere in the area where it might be needed.

Public Health Team  
NHS England – North (Yorkshire and Humber)

## **Flu Vaccination Programme for 2019/20**

Please find a tri-partate [document](#) from PHE, DHSE and NHSE regarding next year's flu vaccination programme

## 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 issues, 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=FekMwFI5ILg>.



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)

## YH SIT Update Week Commencing 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018

The latest SIT Update dated 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018 is available to read [here](#).

## AstraZeneca – Notification of Supply of Issue for Bricanyl Turbohaler

Dear Healthcare Professional,

Notification of supply issue for Bricanyl® Turbohaler® 0.5mg/dose, inhalation powder (terbutaline sulfate).

I am writing to inform you that AstraZeneca is currently experiencing a temporary interruption in the supply of Bricanyl® Turbohaler® (terbutaline sulfate) to the United Kingdom. There will be interim deliveries of this medicine in late November and in December; however, normal stock levels are not expected until the end of January 2019.

Bricanyl® Turbohaler® is a selective beta2-adrenergic agonist recommended for the relief and prevention of bronchospasm in bronchial asthma and other bronchopulmonary disorders in which bronchospasm or reversible airways obstruction is a complicating factor. We recommend that patients who require, but are unable obtain Bricanyl® Turbohaler® supply, are assessed by a healthcare professional and provided with an alternative treatment in an appropriate device. There is no directly substitutable product for Bricanyl® Turbohaler® ; however, there are alternative products in the same class of drug. Short-acting  $\beta$ 2-adrenergic agonists (SABAs) with a similar mode of action like salbutamol (Ventolin Evohaler, Ventolin Accuhaler, Easyhaler, Salamol Easi-breathe) should be considered as alternatives following individual patient assessment. Please note that differences in indication, posology, administration and device may exist for the alternative therapies.

We are sorry for the inconvenience and disruption caused to your patients and yourself. If you have any questions relating to the supply of this medicine, please call AstraZeneca Supply Chain Team on 0800 032 0501 or email at: [supply.chain@astrazeneca.com](mailto:supply.chain@astrazeneca.com)

For other information regarding the medicine, please call AstraZeneca Medical Information on 0800 783 0033 or email at: [medical.informationUK@astrazeneca.com](mailto:medical.informationUK@astrazeneca.com) Adverse events should be reported. Reporting forms and information can be found at [www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard](http://www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard).

Adverse events should also be reported to AstraZeneca on 0800 783 0033.



## **Barnsley Healthcare Federation CIC**

**Salaried GP's required**

**Full and Part Time positions**

**Sessional rate: £10,500 per session plus Indemnity covered by the Federation**

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 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, Barnsley Healthcare Federation CIC, Oaks Park Primary Care Centre, Thornton Road, Kendray, Barnsley, S70 3NE

Job Description & Job Plan available [here](#).

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## Salaried GP Vacancies (With view to Partnership)

Victoria Medical Centre, Barnsley, South Yorkshire

Due to retirement, relocation and an expanding list size we have both full and part time vacancies (full time = 8 sessions)

- List size approx 11,000
- Training Practice
- Competitive salary with NHS Pension and indemnity paid
- EMISWeb
- High QOF achievers
- CQC Overall rating 'Good'
- 6 weeks annual leave
- 1 weeks study leave
- Monthly clinical meetings and training
- Friendly and supportive team
- Flexible hours
- Professional development encouraged and supported
- Single site practice within purpose built premises with ample free parking despite being near the town centre

### GP WORKLOAD SUPPORT

- GP's are supported by Clinical Pharmacist who currently organises all medicine reconciliation from Hospital Letters
- Our Document Team currently process and summarise all patient letters, only sending a minimal amount of letters to GP's that require action
- We have an ANP that deals with all same day appointments
- GP's see a fixed 17 patients throughout the morning session and 14 patients throughout the evening session. Usually no extra patients are added unless it is a medical emergency, and this is done by liaising direct with the GP
- Home visit and Telephone Advice requests are shared amongst the GP's on duty
- Rx's are distributed equally between GP's on duty

Informal visits welcomed and opportunity to work locum sessions for a 'taster'. Please contact Practice Manager Kate Appleyard on 01226 729808 or e-mail

[kate.appleyard@nhs.net](mailto:kate.appleyard@nhs.net)

[www.victoriamedicalcentre.org.uk](http://www.victoriamedicalcentre.org.uk)

## Useful Information/Links

### **Cancer Screening to be Overhauled As Part of NHS Long Term Plan to Improve Care and Save Lives**

Professor Sir Mike Richards will lead a major overhaul of national cancer screening programmes as part of a renewed drive to improve care and save lives, NHS England has today announced.

**PLEASE CONTACT THE LMC OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE  
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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[www.barnsleylmc.co.uk](http://www.barnsleylmc.co.uk)

**Barnsley LMC are happy to advertise  
your GP/Practice vacancies**

**Please contact the LMC office with details**



Barnsley Local Medical Committee