

CLMC Bulletin 318 – 28.2.17

Public Health (LA) Enhanced Services

CLMC have concluded their review of the LA enhanced service specifications for Lung and Heart Health Checks. There have been minimal changes within the contract and no changes that have a large impact on delivery for practices. The main points to note are under that Healthy Heart Check in that the PH Nurse support to practices has now been removed but the LAs are looking at potential to provide quarterly training for practices in order to fulfil the training element. Within the same specification there is also encouragement to move toward carrying out blood tests prior to the appointment. This is encouraged as best practice.

Funding for the specifications has not increased but CLMC has made the case to the LAs about this being held for yet another year and we will be discussing a service review with them which will also take into account funding levels.

Please note the date on the specification is from 1 January 2017. This is backdated as this is when the TVSS ceased. A variation should have been issued at this time but rather than issue a variation for 3 months followed by a new contract in quick succession we have minimised paperwork and combined it into one variation. As there are no changes to the service delivery or reporting/claiming for practices we felt this was sensible. The LAs are currently looking at the data sharing agreements as these will also need amending to reference each LA rather than the TVSS.

The specifications will be sent to practices very soon. Each practice will receive a specification from their own LA as the shared services have now gone so we are negotiating with 4 different and independent LAs. For 17/18 they have agreed to operate the same lung and heart check services and great thanks go to Michael Rowntree at Stockton Borough Council for coordinating this and making our life so much easier!

If you have any questions, please contact janice.foster@nhs.net

NHS Property Services

GPC have provided this [update](#) letter to all practices.

Movement of Records Payment

The recent GP contract negotiations for 17/18 included an additional £2M of recurrent funding to account for additional workload, that practices may incur, as a result of the changes to the movement of medical records in 17/18. NHS E will provide a one-off payment of £250 to each GP practice in recognition of the workload impact incurred by GP Practices since April 2016. All practices have received this [letter](#) from NHS E.

Recruitment Folder/Primary Care law

All practices should now have received an email from Primary Care Law with regard to their account log in details to access the website and policies. This is in relation to the great work that Anneli has been carrying out to assist practices with recruitment and retention. We hope you will find this service useful. We are aware that some practices in Stockton had already directly purchased the same service from Primary Care Law. Jackie has negotiated an agreement with primary Care Law for those practices so their membership rolls over for additional year. This ensures that all practices benefit from the CLMC funded service and their individual investment purchases them an additional year of support. Please contact Jackie.jameson@nhs.net for any details.

Bi-Annual Extended Access Survey

A quick reminder that this is now open on the [Primary Care Web Tool](#) until the end of March! Practices have received an email from NHS E. This is a mandatory bi-annual return setting out what access to appointments the practice offers to patients either itself or through other arrangements, over evenings and weekends.

Resilience Fund 17/18

If you want to access the Resilience Fund for 17/18, ensure you complete your [application](#) form and submit to NHS E by close of play on **24 March 2017**. All practices have received this [letter](#) and [guidance](#) in relation to the GP Resilience Programme 2017/18; this sets out how you can apply for a package of support for your practice or group of practices.

Sessional GP Newsletter

This latest edition of the [Sessionals Newsletter](#) includes updates on changes to funding for indemnity arising from changes in the 2017/18 GP contract, and progress on pensions issues following a further meeting with NHS England and Capita.