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Firearms Guidance

After much work and discussions with the Home Office, the police and the British Association for Shooting and Conservation, as well as external legal advice; the GPC Firearms Task and Finish Group (T&F) has now published this new [guidance](#) which advises doctors on how to respond to the initial general request from police firearms licensing officers. All aspects of licensing have been debated exhaustively and GPC are content this advice falls within all ethical and legal opinion received and provides much needed clarity and safety for professionals.

The T&F group was set up with the remit of producing safe, ethical and legal guidance relating to the current system; that said, the GPC will continue to engage with the Home Office to press for improvements to a system that causes grave anxieties.

There is a GPC webchat on the firearms application guidance on Wednesday 15 March at 1.30 and 2.30pm. You can register for the webchat [here](#)

Working Together to Sustain General Practice

GPC held an informative day at BMA house with a range of guest speakers covering all aspects from legal to NHS E views as well as practices who had already embarked on different models of working sharing best practice. Part of the event was filmed and you can view the presentations and filmed footage [here](#)

GP 17/18 Contract Webchat Transcript

For those who were unable to take part in the GPC webinar on the negotiated GMS contract, you can view the transcript [here](#)

Changes to the Fit to Work Forms

Over the coming weeks, you may notice that the Statement of Fitness for Work, or Med 3, forms look a little different when you print them. Changes have been applied to the advisory notes section on the right-hand side to improve the clarity of the advice given, to inform recipients about the extraction of anonymised fit note data, to provide details about Fit for Work and to remove the patient 'Declaration' field. Both new and old versions are valid until the IT suppliers' full rollout is complete.

These changes were agreed between the DWP and GP representatives at the DWP GP Forum on the [Work, health and disability: improving lives](#) green paper.

CQC Insight

CQC are contacting all GP practices with regard to the new intelligence-based approach '[GP Insight](#)', which will allow CQC to identify and monitor changes in the quality of care outside of inspections in order to support CQC decision making and regulatory response. The aim is that, combining local information with GP Insight, will enable CQC to plan in a more proportionate and efficient way, reducing the need for inspections where they are not required.

CQC explain this model brings together existing national data on practices in one place combining quantitative and qualitative data. The model will develop over time, for example, enabling practices to add contextual information and CQC will continue to work with BMA and RCGP on future updates.

The data within the reports do not constitute a judgement on performance, but are to inform CQC inspection teams – CQC judgements on quality and safety will continue to come from CQC

inspections alone and be detailed in CQC inspection reports. CQC state they will make this point clear to users in the guidance notes that accompany the reports.

The first version of this model covers the publically available information for each individual practice and this is presented to practices in their GP Insight report sent via email.

CQC are encouraging practices to use this opportunity to verify the data in their report and are also keen to receive constructive feedback as part of continuing to develop and evolve the model. Practices have four weeks from receipt of their report to verify and do not have to contact CQC if they are happy that the data contained within the report is theirs, and that there are no errors in the data. Any concerns that practices have with the data contained within their report should be emailed to enquiries@cqc.org.uk

Survey of Sessional GPs

One in three GPs is now working in some form of salaried, locum, freelance or portfolio role. Important decisions are being made about the future of general practice, often with very little information about what sessional GPs think. That is why the BMA GPC sessional subcommittee has launched its biggest ever survey of sessional GPs. It's open to all locum, salaried, OOH, prison GP, CCG role GP, portfolio GP locum and salaried GPs, including GP partners who locum. It doesn't matter if you are a BMA member or not, or where you live in the UK.

GPC need clear data to understand sessional GPs and gather information about workload and pressures, so that they can make sure the discussions they have with Government and the Department of Health about sessional GP issues truly reflect what you want.

[Take the survey](#) or **[find out more about the key areas it covers, and its aims](#)**

The survey should take no longer than 15 minutes to complete. Please share it as widely as you can – the more responses GPC get, the louder your voice will be.

HPV Vaccination for Boys Survey

GPC recently met with *HPV Action* who are campaigning to get all boys vaccinated against HPV, which is in line with LMC Conference and BMA ARM policy. As part of *HPV Action's* work, they are running a very brief survey of GPs and dentists, seeking their views. Please take a few seconds to complete this [survey](#).

General Practice Nursing Plan

The Health Education England (HEE) general practice nursing workforce [development plan](#) 'Recognise, Rethink, Reform,' puts forward a range of recommendations to support and develop the workforce for the future and to help nurses make effective career choices.

Members representing HEE, NHS England, the Queen's Nursing Institute, the Royal College of Nursing and the Royal College of General Practitioners formed a task and finish group chaired by GP, Dr Peter Lane, to look at four key areas:

- entry into general practice – raising the profile as a first career choice and increasing the availability of training placements for students
- establishing the role of the GP nurse – ensuring appropriate training and support is available for new GPNs
- enhancing the role with professional development and career progression
- expanding the healthcare support workforce with standardised training and career paths.

BVA Poster on Antibiotics

This BVA [poster](#) on antibiotics awareness may be useful for practices to post in their reception area.

Claire Wand Fund Grant Deadline

Deadline for submitting applications for grants is 23 March 2017. You can submit using this [application form](#)