

# Sandwell LMC Newsletter

## PCCF

I am sure you are all working hard with your teams to deliver the PCCF. I hope all practices have had the PCCF software installed, and those of you who had the chance to test it, that it is working.

I would like to hear from you with any challenges or difficulties you may have with the delivery of the PCCF and I will convey these issues to the Primary Care Development Managers who are very keen to assist with any queries and support you may need.

## Workforce Analysis

GPs, Nurses and other Primary Care Support staff.

Suggestions have already been expressed to look at new models of provision of Primary Care services in view of the current recruitment crisis which poses huge challenges.

## Premises Reimbursable Rent Increases, Non Reimbursable User Charges

Practices who are in 'LIFT' buildings /other similar premises have been presented with increases to their rent (which is reimbursable) but more importantly with substantial increases in non-reimbursable charges. These unacceptable rises in expense have not been discussed with practices and no explanation is forthcoming from Community Health Partnership (CHP) who manage NHS Property Services.

It is recommended that practices pay the rent which is reimbursable, but invite the appropriate person from CHP to discuss the changes steep rise in charges before agreeing them.

## Blue Bags

I am sure you will all remember the issue with the blue bags.

The matter remains in dispute with NHSE but BMA law have agreed to take our case forward. I have supplied the details of the case, and how this issue has affected our practices financially. A decision has yet to be made.

## Invitation to Open Meeting

You are invited to attend our Open Meeting taking place on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July, 7.30-9.00pm at the Park Inn Hotel, West Bromwich.

The main topic will be 'New Models of Care and Emerging Themes'.

Claire Parker (Chief Officer of Quality, SWBCCG) will be our guest speaker. To book your place please email [admin@sandwelllmc.com](mailto:admin@sandwelllmc.com).

## Appraisal / Revalidation

The RCGP has approved a new Guide to Supporting Information for Appraisal and Revalidation (March 2016) that aims to reduce inconsistencies in interpretation and simplify and streamline the recommendations. It is designed to ensure that any areas where there has been a lack of clarity are better understood. The guide confirms that:

- All time spent on learning activities associated with demonstrating the impact of learning on patient care, or other aspects of practice, can be credited as continuing professional development (CPD)
- Quality over quantity - GPs should provide a few high quality examples that demonstrate how they keep up to date, review what they do, and reflect on their feedback, across the whole of their scope of work over the five year cycle
- Only incidents that reach the GMC level of harm need to be recorded as Significant Events in the portfolio. Reflection on all such Significant Events is a GMC requirement and must be included whenever they occur
- GPs only need to do a formal GMC compliant colleague survey once in the revalidation cycle (like all doctors)
- There are many forms of quality improvement activity and they are all acceptable to demonstrate how you review the quality of what you do, and evaluate changes that you make. There is no requirement for GPs to do a formal two cycle clinical audit once in the five year cycle.

## Opportunity to Become an LMC Member

I would like to take this opportunity to invite expressions of interest to become an LMC member.

This is an excellent opportunity to be involved in shaping the future of general practice.

If you are interested please contact Hayley Haworth for further information. [admin@sandwelllmc.com](mailto:admin@sandwelllmc.com)

**If you would prefer to receive future LMC correspondence by email, please contact [admin@sandwelllmc.com](mailto:admin@sandwelllmc.com)**



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The RCGP recognises that GPs need to be supported by their College in resisting inappropriate additional bureaucracy and is working with key stakeholders to look at reducing the regulatory burden.

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This story can fit 150-200 words.

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your newsletter can also be used for your Web site. Microsoft Publisher offers a simple way to convert your newsletter to a Web publication. So, when you’re finished writing your newsletter, convert it to a Web site and post it.

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## Business Name

Primary Business Address

Your Address Line 2

Your Address Line 3

Your Address Line 4

Phone: 555-555-5555

Fax: 555-555-5555

E-mail: someone@example.com

*This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.*

*It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.*



## Organization

Your business tag line here.

**We're on the Web!**  
**example.com**

## Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your

newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.



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