



# Newsletter

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## GP RETENTION SCHEME

The [GP Retention Scheme](#) is support for GPs who are considering leaving the profession. Our guide outlines key points including eligibility, hours, CPD, the salary supplement and allowance.

## PREVENTING AND REDUCING VIOLENCE TOWARDS STAFF

NHS staff should be protected and assault should never be considered part of the job. We look at how trusts should be working to reduce and [prevent violence from patients](#).

## COVID-19 PPE FOR DOCTORS

Get clarification on [PPE](#) use in primary and secondary care, including procurement, use, safe working and CPR.

## CANNABIS-BASED MEDICINAL PRODUCTS

What constitutes [cannabis-based](#) products for medicinal use, who can prescribe them, and under what circumstances.

## REMOVING PATIENTS FROM YOUR PRACTICE LIST

Both practices and patients have the right to end a patient-doctor relationship that isn't working. We outline the reasons and procedures for [removing a patient](#) from a GP list.

## DEMONSTRATING YOUR COVID-19 VACCINATION STATUS WHEN TRAVELLING ABROAD

How to demonstrate your coronavirus (COVID-19) [vaccination status](#) to show that you have had a full course (2 doses) of the COVID-19 vaccine and access this status when travelling abroad.

## MANAGING PATIENTS WITH GENDER DYSPHORIA

The guidance managing patients with [gender dysphoria](#) for all UK GPs explains the role of GPs managing patients with gender identity problems, including questions relating to patient records, confidentiality, prescribing and monitoring responsibilities.

## ANNUAL ALLOWANCE REPAYMENT SCHEME 2019/20

Guidance on the NHS England and NHS Wales [Annual Allowance Repayment Scheme 2019/20](#) which allows tax charges to be compensated at retirement - how to apply, documents and deadlines.

## NEW TO GP PARTNERSHIP SCHEME

If you are considering becoming a GP partner, or applying to the [new to partnership scheme](#), then this is a simple guide through the application process.

## COVID-19: DEATH CERTIFICATION & CREMATION

This guidance replaces existing BMA guidance on verification and [certification of death and cremation](#) during the COVID-19 outbreak.

## HELP AND SUPPORT FOR GPs

At this time of increased stress and pressure due to the Coronavirus pandemic the LMC would like to remind colleagues of the support schemes available to GPs through [GP-S](#) and the South Staffordshire Support Scheme.

### Dr Tilo Scheel LMC Secretary

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### DR V SPLEEN

Dear reader

An 'open letter' to my great friend Mr Hancock:

Dear Matt

As we all struggle to emerge from the pandemic (hopefully), I just wanted to thank you for all your hard work over the past year and a bit. You have been an inspiration to us all through those hard times.

Thank goodness you were in post instead of that Jeremy Wotsit who might have made things even worse by trying to renegotiate everyone's contract and introduce major reforms as he was prone to do. Thank goodness you are so much wiser! He might also have tried to cap NHS salaries despite everyone working so hard, which I am sure you will agree would have been a terrible idea, and not something your administration would have tried given the money you spend on everything else!

Thank goodness also you have not resorted to cronyism as some of your colleagues in the cabinet have done. It must be so useful having a sister with a PPE company who could step in at short notice, but I

am sure that was just helpful benevolence. Your management of the interaction between social care and the NHS has been all one would expect from an economics graduate, and I feel so sorry for you after all those nasty things your ex-friend Dominic said about you. You are clearly too modest to accept the credit for the vaccine rollout that you delegated to primary care and for which Boris is taking all the plaudits. I am sure you are silently content that you had the brilliant idea to leave vaccine development to the scientists and its roll-out to the wider NHS whilst being too bashful to bang on about it.

Testing has been another triumph - some have almost forgotten how you had the great idea to double count tests to hit the 100,000 a day target way back last year (not me!). Imaginative use of numbers is again good use of your economics degree I guess as it proved when you counted each glove of a pair separately in the 'millions of items of PPE' success. Of course no-one can accuse you of over-inflating figures across the board – just look how you have kept the reported numbers of deaths to a minimum! You always used to tell me how inefficient all this face-to face nonsense in General practice was and how technology was the solution and now I can see all my patients via Zoom or just speak to them over the phone I can see how right you were! Some seem keen to get back to seeing me face to face but I know you won't be jumping on that political bandwagon as we all know Skype/Zoom/Teams are far better. Anyway Matt hope to meet soon, perhaps in Mystique if you can get us a few days away.

### VENTURE

Dr Spleen wishes to declare an interest having worked as a consultant for Babylon, NHS Test and Trace, Microsoft, Virgin and Crapita.

Dr Spleen would like to add a quick PS to his letter in light of recent events ....

Dear Matt

Oh dear! When I mentioned in my letter that you were 'hard at it' through lockdown, I did not know how right I was! As one of your oldest and dearest friends I must say I am disappointed with you — how could you have forgotten to put the lens cap on that camera we installed in your room to record our professional discussions for posterity? Anyway Matt keep your head down a few years and I have every confidence that when BJ is forced to retire as his own extra marital catch up with him I am sure you will fulfil your potential in serving the country at the VERY highest level. Meanwhile I'll try to get you a few non-exec directorships in a couple of US private medical companies I know.

Toodle pip!

**The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of the LMC.**