



# LMC NEWS

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### NHS WHITE PAPER

The reality is that the White Paper is going to happen and the LMC encourages GPs to get involved in the consortia or support their colleagues who come forward. It is important to ensure that the shadow consortia structures are being formed democratically until the legislation defines the procedure. The LMC has requested confirmation from shadow consortia that they have sought a mandate from their GPs that the shadow consortia is what they want and that every GP has been given the opportunity to become involved.

It is apparent that the dissolution of PCTs will take a pace and that the transition is going to happen before 1st April 2011. The rate at which this occurs will be according to local structures and the enthusiasm of the GPs/consortia. It must be made clear that there is no fixed approach and if GP consortia want to go their own way then they can irrespective of the views of the PCT.

### ANNUAL LMC MEETING — DR PETER HOLDEN (GPC)

Swinfen Hall, Lichfield, Tuesday 9th November 2010 — 7pm.

All GPs and Practice Managers in South Staffordshire are welcome to attend this annual meeting of the LMC with Dr Peter Holden, GPC Negotiator.

Peter will provide an interesting and up to date account of current issues including the White Paper.

Please inform the LMC office via the attached invite if you wish to attend.

### QOF INDICATOR DIABETES 23

Following on from an article published by GP Notebook on 30th September titled 'Targeting Type 2 Diabetes', NHS employers and the GPC would like to clarify that there have been no changes to the HbA1c targets for diabetes in 2010/2011.

NICE published their menu of recommended changes on 3rd August 2010 which included a recommendation to increase to the HbA1c target for DM23 from 7, as it is currently, to 7.5. In line with the new QOF process, this menu of recommendations is now subject to agreement through formal negotiations between NHS employers and GPC on changes to QOF across the UK.

Once negotiations have concluded, any changes to the QOF will be published by NHSE and the BMA and the QOF guidance will be updated and published on the relevant websites ahead of the new QOF year.

### SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE SUPPORT SCHEME FOR GPs AND DENTISTS

Attached is the updated leaflet for 2010 onwards.

Practice Managers are advised to keep a copy of the leaflet and GPs may wish to file it away for future reference.

The scheme is accessible to any GP (principal or non-principal), GP trainee or dentist working or living in South Staffordshire.

**Dr David Dickson**  
LMC Secretary

## DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

South Staffordshire LMC - 9th December 2010, South Staffordshire PCT, Edwin House, Second Avenue, Centrum 100, Burton on Trent

South East Staffordshire Sub Committee - 15th November 2010, South Staffordshire PCT, Edwin House, Second Avenue, Centrum 100, Burton on Trent

South West Staffordshire Sub Committee -11th November 2010, South Staffordshire PCT, Anglesey House, Towers Business Park, Rugeley, WS15 1UL

## LMC MEMBERS

The following is a list of current members of the South Staffs LMC

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## Dr V Spleen

Dear Reader

White Paper (or Hot Pepper!)

I initially thought this is what we always wanted - a health service run by health professionals. After going through some of its details however I wonder why the government is so willing to give so much powers to GPs. Are we offered more than what we can chew? Or is there a hidden agenda to blame and shame us should the whole thing fail? Or maybe they are looking for excuses to bring the private sector in!

After wasting so much cash in Darzi centres, choose and book, patient surveys and so many other areas no doubt the Department of Health would expect consortia to save money despite commissioning more work from the secondary care. And if they couldn't - it will be their fault and will be accountable!

Whatever the intention I believe the White Paper is here to stay in more or less in the present form even after the consultation phase and beyond.

Let us accept this as an opportunity as well as a challenge (as we have done in the past) and change the issue in our favour.

Lastly, I do have sympathy for our PCT colleagues. After being asked over the years to make changes - they are now told "All Change!"

I believe for the most the White Paper will not be sweet, bitter or hot - just Sweet and Sour!

Regards

**Venture**

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