

Newsletter



Sefton Local Medical Committee

7th April 2017

Implementation of GMS contract changes 2017/18

As part of the contract changes for 2017/18, it was agreed that £30m would be paid to practices covering this year's rises in indemnity insurances cost for all doctors delivering GMS work. This amount is based on an average of the rising costs derived from figures supplied by the medical defence bodies. Practices are to receive a payment of 51.6p per patient based on registered list as at December 2016 and the funding should have been paid in March 2017. You need to check that you have received this increase in funding. Please let us know if you have any difficulty in receiving it or in identifying it as part of your remittances.

The payment is made on condition that where principal and salaried GPs are paying a part or all their indemnity costs, the practice will reimburse to them an appropriate proportion of the contribution, paid for their cover. Every practice has their own arrangements in place. In some practices, GPs are entirely responsible for meeting their own indemnity costs, whilst in others some, or indeed all the indemnity costs of the practices are paid for by the general practice income.

Accordingly, practices will need to allocate the payment to GPs which is equitable and proportional to their arrangements. Please note that locum GPs will be amending their charges to reflect the extra costs of indemnity insurance in the coming year. This payment of 51.6p per patient is not intended to meet locum cost increases. The SFE for 2017/18 will be updated to capture the conditions for the payment of this.

Feedback LQC proposal 2017/18

You will have received the bulletin from the LMC explaining the circumstances concerning the 2017/18 LCQ, in particular the restrictions on funding, which have been imposed and the need to pitch the work that goes with this to ensure equity. It is important that the LMC receives your comments once you have studied the specifications sent to you by the CCGs. We will be meeting again with senior CCG officers on Tuesday 18th April 2017 and it is vital we are informed as to the views and comments of practices on the feasibility of the proposed LQC. Please send your comments to: seftonlmc@seftonlmc.co.uk

Firearms Guidance

After some considerable discussion with the Ministry of Justice and Police authorities, the GPC agreed a final version of the Firearms relicensing procedure. This can found on the following link [Firearms Guidance](#)

We hope this final formulation helps to answer the queries which have understandably arisen over the correct steps to be taken upon receiving request from the Police. If there are still difficulties arising, then please contact us and we shall endeavour to provide additional guidance and interpretation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joe Chattin'.

Joe Chattin
Hon. Secretary
Sefton Local Medical Committee