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Unplanned admissions enhanced service

Our “step by step” guidance on the unplanned admissions enhanced service has [now been added to the BMA website](#) as web content as well as PDFs, to allow practices either to view the information electronically or to print it off to discuss it in practice meetings. The guidance is intended to minimise the administrative processes involved with the enhanced service, provide practical examples about how practices can meet the requirements and provide optional templates for practices to use to minimise bureaucracy for reporting purposes. We request that LMCs circulate this guidance as widely as possible.

When considering the workload associated with this enhanced service, practices should remember that they will no longer need to do the work involved in the QOF quality and productivity domain or remote monitoring and risk profiling DESs, as well as avoiding the bureaucracy involved in 238 clinical QOF points - all of which have been removed. Much of the money involved has now been allocated to core GP funding, as part of the negotiated 2014/15 [GP contract agreement](#).

CQRS guides for 2014-15 enhanced services

The Calculating Quality Reporting Service (CQRS) has now been updated to support the following services (14/15) as of 4 June 2014:

- Rotavirus (Routine childhood vaccination)
- Learning disability health check scheme
- MMR aged 16 and over vaccination
- Meningitis C (freshers) vaccination
- Hepatitis B (newborn) vaccination

This now allows practices to participate and provide achievement data for the services via the CQRS system. For the monthly programmes that began in April 2014 (MMR, Meningitis C and Hepatitis B), practices will need to enter the first three months of data into CQRS. These services will be manual entry on CQRS for the duration of the financial year.

Guides on these enhanced services on CQRS can be found [can be found online](#). For further information on CQRS, the service desk can be contacted via email: cqrsservicedesk@gdi.com

Home Office Circular 008/2014: A change to the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971

The Home Office Circular 008/2014: A change to the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 – Control of NBOMes, Benzofurans, Lisdexamphetamine, Tramadol, Zopiclone, Zaleplon and Reclassification of Ketamine [can be found online](#).

The Order came into force on **Tuesday 10 June**.

Please see below for the changes to the control of Tranadol and Zioiclone:

Tramadol

The Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Ketamine etc.) (Amendment) Order 2014 inserts tramadol as a Class C drug in paragraph 1(a) under Part III of Schedule 2 to the 1971 Act. Tramadol is inserted into Schedule 3 to the 2001 Regulations, with the effect that it is subject to regulations 14 (documentation), 15 (prescription writing), 16 (supply on prescription), 18 (marking of containers), 22, 23 and 24 (record-keeping and preservation of registers), 26 (furnishing of information) and 27 (destruction of the drugs only in presence of an authorised person) of the 2001 Regulations. Tramadol is also being inserted into Schedule 1 to the Misuse of Drugs (Safe Custody) Regulations 1973, which means it is exempted from the safe custody requirements.

Zopiclone and zaleplon

The Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Ketamine Etc.) (Amendment) Order 2014 inserts zopiclone and zaleplon as Class C drugs in paragraph 1(a) under Part III of Schedule 2 to the 1971 Act. Zopiclone and zaleplon are also inserted into Part 1 of Schedule 4 to the 2001 Regulations, with the effect that they are subject to regulations 22 and 23 (record-keeping and preservation of registers), 26 (furnishing of information) and 27 (destruction of the drugs only in presence of an authorised person) of the 2001 Regulations.

New GPC online community for practice networks, alliances and federations

The BMA recently launched a new online initiative, called Networks-L, which will provide a digital space for GPs with an interest in practice networks, federations or alliances to share learning, best practice and insights about these new working arrangements.

The forum is one of GPC's first steps toward offering greater support for practices looking at new models of working. The GPC has also produced guidance about collaborative GP alliances and federations, which can be [accessed via the BMA website](#).

Networks-L is best suited to those GPs, especially group leaders, whose practices are already federated or in a network or alliance, or those whose practice is exploring new models of working.

Networks-L was developed following a GPC survey which revealed that GP practices are looking for more support and information about new models of collaborative working. The full survey results can be [accessed via the BMA website](#).

To join Networks-L email Karen Day at kday@bma.org.uk.

Hydration in Healthcare: A short CPD course for GPs and GP trainees

The Need for Nutrition Education/Innovation Programme (NNEdPro) is offering a **free**, half day training course relating to **hydration and fluid intake** for GPs and GP trainees on **Thursday 24 July 2014** at the Elsie Widdowson Laboratory, 120 Fulbourn Road, **Cambridge**. The first session will run from 9.00-12.30 and will be repeated at 13.30-17.00. **Lunch** will be provided for all from 12.30. If you are interested in attending, please contact Lynn McGuffin l.mcguffin@ulster.ac.uk or Celia Laur Celia.Laur@mrc-hnr.cam.ac.uk.

NNEdPro is an independent knowledge generation, transfer/exchange and evaluation platform representing a strategic partnership between doctors, dietitians, nutritionists and other healthcare professionals. The NNEdPro Group is led by Dr Sumantra Ray, a MRC Senior Clinician Scientist in Cambridge. Dr Ray recently won the BMA Josephine Lansdell award to undertake a key piece of nutrition research. For more information, please see their website www.nnedpro.org.uk.

NNEdPro is also encouraging GPs to complete their 5-minute questionnaire to inform its teaching. Responses will remain anonymous and will be used for research purposes only. www.surveymonkey.com/s/Hydration_BMA.

LMCs – change of details

If there are any changes to LMC personnel, addresses and other contact details please email Karen Day with the changes at kday@bma.org.uk.

GPC News

LMCs are reminded that their regional representatives can provide more detailed information about the issues covered in GPC News, and other matters. Other members of the GPC would also be pleased to accept invitations to LMC meetings wherever possible. Their names and addresses are in the GPC Yearbook. The secretariat can also provide a written background brief if required, but it would be helpful to have such requests well in advance of your meetings.

Finally, if LMCs require assistance on local issues, they can also contact the BMA's local offices: addresses are on page 3 of the GPC's yearbook.

This newsletter has been sent to:

- Secretaries of LMCs and LMC offices
- Members of the GPC
- Members of the GP trainees subcommittee
- Members of the sessional GPs subcommittee