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Hospital & Clinical Correspondence



Following on from our previous article please remember that from 1st January 2018 Practitioner Services will no longer process paper hospital letters, reports or correspondence.

If you receive any please action as follows:

- 1) If the person has been a patient registered with your GP practice and the correspondence is something you would normally add to a patient's record please scan it in to Docman and export it. This will quickly and electronically go to the current location of the patient's electronic record where it can be imported.
- 2) If the person has been a registered patient with your practice and the correspondence is not to be added to the patient's record (i.e. 1 above) please return it to the originator.
- 3) If the person has never been registered with your practice please return it to the originator, whether the correspondence is clinical or not.

CHI Prints attached to Paper GP Health Records



For the attention of practices covered by the Aberdeen Regional Office

For practices covered by the Aberdeen office, we will no longer attach CHI screen prints to paper records commencing January 2018.

This brings our process into line with the Edinburgh and Glasgow Regional Offices.

Website Update



We are steadily adding documents, forms and guidance to our website and welcome any suggestions and proposals from our readership as to what is still missing and what would assist you in your day-to-day activities.

The following enhancements have been made to our new website:

- Regional office contacts have now been updated to reflect the complement of staff currently in post at our Aberdeen, Edinburgh and Glasgow offices.

GP Locum Superannuation Contributions



New online payment facility for the Remittance of Superannuation Contributions – GP Locums.

We would be extremely grateful, if you could draw the below to the attention of any locum you find yourself engaging now or in the near future.

There will obviously be a transitional period while things settle into the new arrangements and your assistance in reminding Locums of the change would be invaluable.

Following a recent successful pilot of an online payment facility for the remittance of locum superannuation contributions, we will as of 1st January 2018, be moving to an electronic payment system for GP Locums ie Worldpay.

This will see an end to the current procedure GP Locums follow, whereby they submit a cheque with their Forms A & B.

The associated documentation, forms and completion notes have been reviewed and amended and will be available from our website - www.nhsns.org/services/practitioner/medical/ - from 1st January 2018.

Emergency Oxygen Service - Transitional Arrangements



Unfortunately we are still waiting to be advised by NSS National Procurement that a national contract has been awarded for this service.

Whilst this remains the case, practices should continue to seek service from their current provider and forward, scan & email* being a perfectly acceptable mode of delivery, a copy of their paid invoices to us, so that we can assess what 2017-18 transitional payments may be made.

*Please provide any invoices you wish to send to the appropriate email address depending on your Regional Office.

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sharon.henderson@nhs.net (Tayside & Shetland)
kelly.buchan@nhs.net (Highland)

Edinburgh: sallyrichards2@nhs.net

Glasgow: mcoppola@nhs.net

2017-18 Seasonal Influenza & Vaccination Campaign

Seasonal Flu Interim Payments 2017-18 Arrangements



As signposted in last month's Good Practice newsletter, Issue 94, Interim payments will feature in your Dec 2017 Medical Payment Statement, unless you ticked the 'Interim Payment Opt Out' box on the claim form.

If by any chance you were expecting an interim payment, and none has been made, please do not hesitate in calling your regional office to have this checked.

We do not anticipate anyone calling, however it is always advisable for you to check.

Important Dates



Medical Payment date for December: Friday 22nd December 2017

Earliest date from when e-Statements may be available: Monday 18th December 2017

Medical Payment date for January: Wednesday 31st January 2018

Earliest date from when e-Statements may be available: Friday 26th January 2018

NHS Circulars, Guidance & Information



Historic circulars can be searched on:

<http://www.scot.nhs.uk/publications/>

Regional Office Contact Details

All Regional office contact details are available on the Practitioner Services website.

If you cannot find a member of staff or their contact details are missing, please let us know and we will update the lists accordingly.

<https://nhsns.org/services/practitioner/medical/contact-us/>



Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Glasgow Event

Changing face of Cancer – What the General Physician needs to know

Venue: Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow – Friday 2 February 2018

Cancer survival rates are increasing and even patients who are not cured are living significantly longer - this means general physicians and general practitioners are more likely to encounter cancer patients in their clinics. In addition, new classes of cancer therapies can have novel side effects, which may present to non-oncologist specialists in endocrinology, respiratory and GI.

This one day conference will provide you with an overview of these developments and advice on how to manage patients.

Speakers include

Dr Janet Graham, Consultant Medical Oncologist, Beatson West of Scotland Cancer Centre

Dr George Pentheroudakis, Assistant Professor of Oncology University of Ioannina, Greece

Dr Ninian N Lang, Consultant Cardiologist and Honorary Senior Lecturer University of Glasgow

Professor Stan Kaye, Professor of Medical Oncology, Royal Marsden Hospital

Who should attend?

Consultants and trainees in general medicine; General practitioners; Trainees in oncology

If you are interested in attending this conference you can register online at <https://rcpsg.ac.uk/events/oncology>

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