Wigan LMC Hot Topics 30th October 2026

Changes to GP Reimbursement Scheme (GP Contract 26/27)

Practices will be aware that from 1st October changes to the GP reimbursement scheme now provide for claims against the scheme for GPs working the practice who undertake additional sessions. This includes salaried GPs/ Locums and Partners/Principals.

There has been some doubt about the inclusion of Partners and Principals, but these are covered by the scheme. The test is 'additionality' and the partners must contract with the practice for sessions over and above their normal commitment i.e. via an invoiced period.

The BMA guidance document on this change is here –



Focus on the 2627
GP Employment Reir

A useful summary of what practices need to know is here –



GP reimbursement
scheme amendment

Practices also now have the right to allocate their unspent GP funding to other practices and should do so in order that General Practice obtains maximum gain from the scheme.

The SFE has been updated and contains the instructions and process of transferring allocations as well as confirming the option for practices to use the scheme for additional session from GPs in their practice.

GM Association of LMCs- information and guidance for practices on Tirzepatide and QOF indicators OB004 and OB005 2026/27

The regional association of LMCs (of which Wigan LMC is a participatory member) has compiled helpful guidance on the application of Terzepatide to the QoF obesity indicators.

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OB004 (case finding, referral and coding) is generally achievable within existing resource. OB005 (shared decision-making, the offer of pharmacotherapy within the approved NHS pathway, referral to behavioural support, and ongoing monitoring where treatment is initiated) carries a materially different workload and financial profile, and each practice should satisfy itself that it can deliver it safely and sustainably within its own circumstances before committing. Participation in QOF is voluntary; not pursuing an indicator is not a breach of contract.

A copy of the guidance is here -



AGMLMC
Tirzepatide QOF Gui

Practice Complaint processes and AI generated complaints

AI generated complaints from patients can involve receipt of a voluminous document replete with numerous references to regulatory statements and guidance.

The Regional Association of LMCs has produced some helpful guidance on how to deal with these and in doing so meet the expectations of commissioners and agencies regarding complaints handling.

It is crucial that Practices resist the temptation to respond to complaints whether AI generated or not, with an AI generated response of their own. The risk of error is high and the consequence can be severe.

The Assoc of LMCs guidance is here –



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The view of the MDU is here- https://www.themdu.com/guidance-and-advice/guides/managing-ai-generated-complaints

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