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MERRY CHRISTMAS! FROM THE LINCOLNSHIRE LMC SECRETARIAT





THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK THIS YEAR!

GP PENSION SCHEME MEMBERS -END OF YEAR PENSIONS PROCESS

Since the launch of the GP Pensions services in PCSE Online, NHS Pensions has provided PCSE with annual Type 1 and Type 2 forms and PCSE has incorporated the forms into PCSE Online, allowing GPs and their representatives to complete them directly in the online system. Unfortunately, this has not been possible this year.

Largely due to substantial changes to the 2023/24 Type 1 and Type 2 forms, that require significant system development, it has not been possible to incorporate this year's forms into PCSE Online.

To meet the 28 February 2025 deadline, GP Pension Scheme Members and their representatives are advised to submit their 2023/24 Type 1 and Type 2 forms via PCSE Contact Us. PCSE has provided guidance below.

Click the button below to view further guidance:

FULL GUIDANCE HERE



Article by Nick Turner,
Practice Support Officer,
Lincolnshire LMC.

LINCOLNSHIRE TEACH AND TREAT: EXPRESSION OF INTEREST GP DPPS

Message from Community Pharmacy Lincolnshire:

We are trying to find GPs who would be open to acting as a Designated Prescribing Practitioner (DPP) for Community Pharmacists completing their Independent Prescribing qualification.

To become a DPP you must be a registered medical practitioner, independent prescribing nurse, or pharmacist with at least three years of prescribing experience. If you were to express interest in being available as a DPP, Community Pharmacy Lincolnshire will add your details to our list, then if a pharmacist asks us for help in your area we would put them in touch with you. Once you have met each other you can then both decide if you would like to work together and support the community pharmacist in gaining their independent prescribing qualification.

We cannot guarantee that you will be asked to be a teach and treat DPP under this scheme, but we will try and access more funding in future if this round is successful in training Independent Prescribers in Community Pharmacy in Lincolnshire with the support of local general practices.

Please complete the short form <u>here</u> to express an interest in the programme by 28/02/25

More Information here



VERIFICATION OF DEATH FLOWCHART

Verification of Death (VOD) is the establishment of the fact of death (deciding whether someone has died).

VOD has nothing to do with the certification of death (issuing of the Medical Certificate of Cause of Death (MCCD)

There is no requirement in English law OR in the GP contract for a GP to VERIFY death.

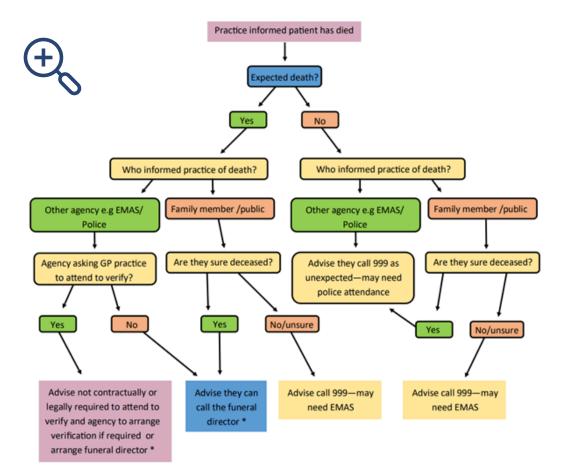
English Law allows that any competent adult may verify that someone has died, but it does not place them under a legal obligation to do so. This could be a GP, nurse, paramedic, police officer OR even the person reporting the death such as a family member.

The timely and efficient verification of death is important for the bereaved, but this does not mean that it any expectation should be placed on the GP to verify a death by another organisation (e.g EMAS, Police, funeral director) unless as the GP, you choose to do so for supportive or practical reasons as your primary responsibility is to your living patients.

Recent unilateral policy changes by EMAS and the Police that they will not attend some deaths have led to more practices being asked or feeling pressured into attending deaths to verify.

Some such requests could put you in difficult situations (such as unexpected deaths requiring coroner's investigation) as well as taking you away from caring for sick patients.

We have created this flowchart as guidance (click image to enlarged)





Flowchart and guidance created by: Dr Reid Baker, Medical Director, Lincolnshire LMC.

^{*} note you may want to attend for specific reasons such as family support or needing to see the deceased in order to be able to complete MCCD if not seen in previous 28 days BUT have attended in last illness.

MAKE SAVINGS ON PRODUCTS AND SERVICES BY UTILISING THE BUYING GROUP APPROVED SUPPLIERS

Make savings on products and services by utilising the Buying Group approved suppliers

The LMC Buying Group has an impressive list of suppliers that cover a variety of products and services, from stationery and office equipment to medical consumables and confidential information shredding.

We regularly identify savings between 20% and 45% made on office items from our supplier, Whittaker Workplace Solutions. They can supply your practice with everything it needs to run smoothly, including stationery and office products, catering and cleaning supplies and printer cartridges. To order from them, you can phone, email, fax or order online at all times.

If you are looking for a company that can provide confidential information protection and secure document shredding, hard-drive destruction and associated recycling services, the Buying Group have the perfect supplier for you. Through Shred-it's partnership with the Buying Group, all members can access 50% off standard rates. Shred-it supplies their services to organizations of all sizes in the private, public and third sectors.

To access the discounts, you would have to sign up with the Buying Group. Membership is completely free for practices. For those of you who are already members, accessing these discounts is incredibly simple, all you have to do is visit the <u>Buying Group's website</u> and click onto the supplier page you are interested in.



Article by LMC Buying Group

SAFEGUARDING - DATA SHARING AGREEMENT

The ICB safeguarding team have recently sent out a data sharing agreement to practices.

We have spoken to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) regarding this data sharing agreement (DSA), and they have advised us that practices should only share records on a case by case basis and not share their entire patient database.

Practices should always take advice from their Data Protection Officer (DPO) before signing any DSA.



CHRISTMAS WELLBEING

WELLBEING OVER CHRISTMAS

Acknowledge Your Feelings:

It's important to recognise and accept your emotions, whether it's sadness, anger, or anxiety. Allow yourself to feel these emotions without judgment. It's okay to not feel festive all the time.



Comfortable Christmas:

Try not to put too much pressure on yourself. Plan a Christmas that suits you. Step away from traditions if it feels difficult and maybe look at creating new ones.

Reach Out for Support:

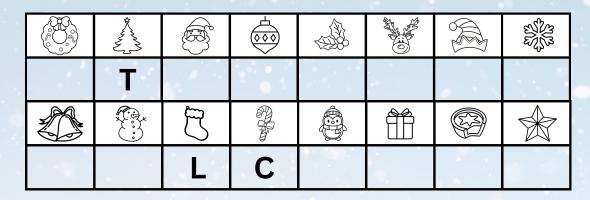
Don't hesitate to talk to friends, family, or a mental health professional about what you're going through. Sharing your feelings can provide relief and help you feel less isolated.



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Q www.lincslmc.co.uk/wellbeing

LMC CHRISTMAS CRYPTOGRAM





Cryptogram created by Laura Harrison, Lincolnshire LMC





Take - 30 Service

Don't lock your feeling away, call or email the Take-30 service to arrange a confidential conversation, we are here to listen.



Mentoring & Coaching

Available free of charge for all Lincolnshire General Practice Staff



USEFUL LINKS

Training resources:

- Lincolnshire Training Hub
- E-Learning for Health (e-LfH)
- NB Medical Education
- GP Forum CPD Opportunities

Wellbeing Resources:

- 10 Top Tips Wellbeing Poster
- LMC Wellbeing page

Networking:

• Lincoln Medical Society

Newsletters:

- NHS people promise bulletins
- Sessional GPs e-newsletter
- GP Weekly Bulletin (England)
- Practice Manager Association News
- Cameron Fund Christmas Winter Newsletter

Buying Group:

<u>Latest LMC Buying Group Update</u>



VACANCIES IN LINCOLNSHIRE GENERAL PRACTICE

VIEW ALL VACANCIES HERE

EMAIL US YOUR JOB LISTINGS



ARRS GP | South Lincs Rural PCN

SOUTH LINCS RURAL PCN SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE

£10,000 per session per annum pro-rata (6-

CLOSING DATE

19 February 2025



Women Health Nurse | Marsico Medical Practice

MARISCO MEDICAL PRACTICE MABLETHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE

CLOSING DATE

6 January 2025



Spirometry and Feno Nurse | Skeaness Community Diagnostic Centre | Marsico Medical Practice

MARISCO MEDICAL PRACTICE MABLETHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE

CLOSING DATE

6 January 2025



Chronic Disease Nurse | **Gosberton Medical Centre**

GOSBERTON MEDICAL CENTRE GOSBERTON, SPALDING

Competitive

CLOSING DATE

31 January 2025



Salaried GP | Nettleham Medical Practice

NETTLEHAM MEDICAL PRACTICE

Depending on experience

CLOSING DATE



Medical Secretary | The **Deepings Practice**

THE DEEPINGS PRACTICE PETERBOROUGH

SALARY

£11.44 per hour

CLOSING DATE 30 December 2024





Practice Nurse | Lindum Medical Practice

LINDUM MEDICAL PRACTICE

SALARY

Determined by experience

CLOSING DATE

20 December 2024



Partnership Opportunity | Woodhall Spa New Surgery

WOODHALL SPA NEW SURGERY WOODHALL SPA

SALARY

Competitive

CLOSING DATE

20 December 2024

