

# Information Roundup

## Winter 2011



Welcome to our latest Information Roundup for practices – *please circulate it to your GPs*. Thank you.

We hope you find it of interest and value. Comments and suggestions for improvements and/or items for inclusion in future editions to: [pauline.green@bbolmc.co.uk](mailto:pauline.green@bbolmc.co.uk) are very welcome.

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### HOT TOPIC INFORMATION FOR ALL THAMES VALLEY PRACTICES

**NB: All the items below can be accessed via:**

<http://www.bbolmc.co.uk/hottopic/hotall/hotall.html>

20/12/11	<b>Current state of negotiations: GPC Pensions Update</b> Email from Dr Roblin circulating the latest GPC Pensions update
16/12/11	<b>Info Alert: High Quality Education Event for all Healthcare Professionals</b> Circulating details of a Diabetes update education opportunity for all healthcare professionals including GPs, Locums, Registrars and Practice Nurses.
06/12/11	<b>Info Alert: Christmas BBOLMC Office Arrangements</b> Circulating details of The Secretariat's Christmas and New Year office arrangements.
05/12/11	<b>LMC to MK practices: Unresourced handover of work to primary care</b> Email from Dr Roblin to Milton Keynes practices re the escalating workload handover to practices from secondary care trusts and district nursing teams.
02/12/11	<b>Info Alert: 2012 Flu Vaccine Discount Scheme</b> Circulating BBOLMC website hyperlink: <a href="http://www.bbolmc.co.uk/discgrp/discgrp.html">http://www.bbolmc.co.uk/discgrp/discgrp.html</a> giving details of the 2012 flu vaccine discount scheme.
02/12/11	<b>Current state of appraisal requirements</b> Email from Dr Roblin re the current state of appraisal requirements.
29/11/11	<b>What the Central Alerting System says: HPV Immunisation Programme</b> Email from Dr Roblin circulating the Central Alerting System's information re the HPV Immunisation Programme.
29/11/11	<b>Update on Travel Immunisation from GPC: The present situation</b> Email from Dr Roblin circulating a hyperlink: <a href="http://www.bma.org.uk/images/focustravelimmunnov2011_tcm41-210824.pdf">http://www.bma.org.uk/images/focustravelimmunnov2011_tcm41-210824.pdf</a> to the GPC's publication 'Focus on travel immunisations' which explains which travel immunisations are available on the NHS and which can be charged for privately.
29/11/11	<b>GPC on Firearms Licensing</b> Email from Dr Roblin circulating BMA's interim guidance for GPs on firearms licensing.
25/11/11	<b>Email advice lines now listed together on ORH website</b> Email from Dr Roblin to Oxfordshire practices re the new updated section on the ORH website 'for clinicians section' and giving hyperlinks: <a href="http://www.oxfordradcliffe.nhs.uk/forclinicians/referrals/referral.aspx">http://www.oxfordradcliffe.nhs.uk/forclinicians/referrals/referral.aspx</a> then "email advice line" tab or direct to page using <a href="http://www.oxfordradcliffe.nhs.uk/forclinicians/referrals/emailadvice.aspx">http://www.oxfordradcliffe.nhs.uk/forclinicians/referrals/emailadvice.aspx</a>
25/11/11	<b>Info Alert: Latest BBOLMC Website Updates</b> Circulating details of recent updates to The Secretariat's website all of which are available at: <a href="http://www.bbolmc.co.uk">www.bbolmc.co.uk</a>

24/11/11	<b>NHS Trust plans for employee sick certification around the time of the Pensions Day of Action 30/11/11</b> Email from Dr Roblin circulating his email to all Trust CEOs (PCT and DGH) warning them against breaking any policy of self certification for the first week of employees' illness.
23/11/11	<b>Letter practices could give to patients at the reception desk</b> Email from Dr Roblin re what practices might face on the Pensions Day of Action 30/11/11.
16/11/11	<b>Info Alert: Updated GPC Locum Agreements Guidance</b> Circulating hyperlink to the GPC's updated Locum Agreements Guidance: <a href="http://www.bbolmc.co.uk/locagreeguid.pdf">http://www.bbolmc.co.uk/locagreeguid.pdf</a>
10/11/11	<b>Advertising LMC Elections</b> Email from Dr Roblin inviting self nominations from GPs interested in becoming a local LMC rep and giving a hyperlink to functions and election details on The Secretariat's website: <a href="http://www.bbolmc.co.uk/elec2012/elec2012.html">http://www.bbolmc.co.uk/elec2012/elec2012.html</a>
08/11/11	<b>Posters and badges for Pensions Day of Action 30/11/11</b> Email from Dr Roblin circulating a message from Dr Hamish Meldrum re the Pensions Day of Action on 30/11/11.
08/11/11	<b>LMC query re likelihood of Industrial Action by employed practice staff on 30/11/11</b> Email from Dr Roblin circulating the BMA's FAQs re the Public Sector Pensions Day of Action and requesting details re the likelihood of industrial action by practice staff.
08/11/11	<b>Letter to the profession – 2012/13 contract agreement</b> Email from Dr Roblin circulating details of the changes to the GP contract for 2012/13 effective From 01/04/12 and guidance on the changes to the Quality and Outcomes Framework (QOF).
26/10/11	<b>Info Alert: Latest BBOLMC Website Updates</b> Circulating details of recent updates to The Secretariat's website all of which are available at: <a href="http://www.bbolmc.co.uk">www.bbolmc.co.uk</a>
20/10/11	<b>Info Alert: BMA's 'Social Determinants of Health – What Doctors Can Do' Report</b> Circulating hyperlink: <a href="http://www.bma.org.uk/health_promotion_ethics/socialdeterminantshealth.jsp">http://www.bma.org.uk/health_promotion_ethics/socialdeterminantshealth.jsp</a> to the BMA's Report about health inequalities which gives some practical examples of what doctors can do to make a difference.
20/10/11	<b>Info Alert: E4 Health – Diploma &amp; General Level Courses Available</b> Circulating email from Ed4Health giving course information which may be of interest to practice nurses.
19/10/11	<b>Day of Action 30/11/11: NHS Pension Reform – FAQs for GPs</b> Email from Dr Roblin circulating Dr Hamish Meldrum's email and attachments re 30/11/11 Day of Action.

Previous Hot Topic information specific to individual counties can be accessed via the following links:

For Berkshire Practices

<http://www.bbolmc.co.uk/hottopic/hotberks/hotberks.html>

For Buckinghamshire Practices

<http://www.bbolmc.co.uk/hottopic/hotbucks/hotbucks.html>

For Oxfordshire Practices

<http://www.bbolmc.co.uk/hottopic/hotoxon/hotoxon.html>

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## BBOLMC Website

Our website [www.bbolmc.co.uk](http://www.bbolmc.co.uk) has all the above information, and much more, so please take a look.

**Suggestions for improvements to the website - to [pauline.green@bbolmc.co.uk](mailto:pauline.green@bbolmc.co.uk) - are very welcome.**

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## BBOLMC Listserver

The BBOLMC Listserver exists to facilitate the email exchange of information, views and ideas across the three counties and is open to GPs and Practice Managers.

**Requests to join the group should please be sent to [pauline.green@bbolmc.co.uk](mailto:pauline.green@bbolmc.co.uk)**

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## JOB VACANCIES

Why not advertise your vacancies via The Secretariat?

Our weekly advert runs are circulated to all practices across the Thames Valley and adverts are also posted on our website.

**If you would like to use this service (there is a token administration fee of £10 per advert per week circulated), please email your advert to [michelle.brownlie@bbolmc.co.uk](mailto:michelle.brownlie@bbolmc.co.uk)**

***(NB: adverts should be a maximum of A4 size and should not contain any logos or photographs please)***

**Requests for inclusion on the circulation list for advert runs should also be emailed to Michelle please.**

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