

# Information Roundup

## December 2009 - January 2010



Welcome to our latest bi-monthly Information Roundup for practices – *please circulate it amongst 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>

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| 28/01/10 | Info Alert: Latest BBOLMC Website Updates<br>Notification of recent additions to The Secretariat's website: <a href="http://www.bbolmc.co.uk">www.bbolmc.co.uk</a>  |
| 22/01/10 | Sibutramine Licence Suspended<br>Email from Dr Roblin reporting the European authorities' suspension of the obesity drug Sibutramine's licence due to concerns over an increased risk of cardiovascular events with the treatment and that prescribers are advised not to issue new prescriptions for Reductil and to review the treatment of patients taking the drug. |
| 08/01/10 | Info Alert: 2010 Wyeth Flu Vaccine Deal<br>Informing practices that full details of the LMC Discount Group's 2010 Wyeth Flu Vaccine deal are available on our website at:<br><a href="http://www.bbolmc.co.uk/discgrp/discgrp.html#index01">http://www.bbolmc.co.uk/discgrp/discgrp.html#index01</a>  |
| 08/01/10 | Info Alert: Updated GPC Disability Discrimination Act for GP Premises Guidance<br>Circulating the GPC's updated 'Disability Discrimination Act: Physical adjustments to GP premises required under the Act' Guidance.   |
| 07/01/10 | What I have sent to the media about GP practices coping with the freezing weather<br>Email from Dr Roblin circulating his press release to the local and national media highlighting how GP practices are coping with the freezing weather.   |
| 07/01/10 | Query: Extended hours cover during extreme weather conditions<br>Email from Dr Roblin circulating his response to a query from a practice re extended hours cover during extreme weather conditions.  |
| 07/01/10 | LMC would like to advertise how GPs stayed open when many closed on 06/01/10<br>Email from Dr Roblin forwarding Dr Buttar's email re critical media stories about GPs and requesting practices let him know if they provided a normal or near normal service on 06/01/10 so LMC can counter such stories.   |

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| 22/12/09 | <p>Info Alert: Vetting &amp; Barring Guidance &amp; GPC News</p> <p>Notification of the availability on the LMC's website of the GPC's Updated Guidance re the Vetting &amp; Barring Scheme and of GPC News 5 – December 2009.</p>  |
| 22/12/09 | <p>Info Alert: BBOLMC Summary of PCT LESs for Swine Flu Vaccination of Under 5s</p> <p>Email from Dr Roblin circulating the LMC's summary of TV PCTs' LESs for Swine Flu Vaccination of Under 5s.</p>   |
| 18/12/09 | <p>Info Alert: LES for Under 5s Swine Flu Vaccine</p> <p>Email from Dr Roblin giving an update on local negotiations across the TV re Under 5s Swine Flu Vaccination LES.</p>   |
| 14/12/09 | <p>Swine Flu Vaccination for Pregnant Women: Joint Statement by RCGP, RCOG and Royal College of Midwives</p> <p>Email from Dr Roblin circulating a hyperlink to the joint RCGP, RCOG and Royal College of Midwives statement to nurses and midwives highlighting the importance of vaccinating pregnant women.</p>  |
| 14/12/09 | <p>Over reaction of Registrars of Births and Deaths to introduction of GMC Licenses (now sorted out)</p> <p>Email from Dr Roblin circulating GMC confirmed requirements re signing death certificates.</p>  |
| 11/12/09 | <p>Info Alert: Updated Flu Guidance &amp; Xmas Arrangements</p> <p>Circulating a hyperlink to practices for the latest joint GPC/RCGP/DH Pandemic Flu Guidance for GP Practices and notification of the Secretariat Office's Christmas and New Year arrangements.</p>   |
| 09/12/09 | <p>Dispensing Doctors in England Prescriptions Services Communication</p> <p>Circulation of the GPC's email notification that NHS Prescription Services would be writing to all Dispensing Practices in England week commencing 21/12/09 reminding them payment for prescriptions dispensed in October would be the first where they may be financially affected if a patient or their representative hasn't correctly completed the section on a prescription form to declare they are exempt from charge.</p> |
| 09/12/09 | <p>Phase Two Vaccination Programme: Letter from Ian Dalton</p> <p>Email from Dr Roblin circulating Ian Dalton's instructions to PCTs re phase two of the vaccination programme.</p>   |
| 09/12/09 | <p>LMC local negotiating position over vaccinating the under 5s</p> <p>Email from Dr Roblin outlining the LMC's local negotiating position re Swine Flu vaccination of under 5s.</p>  |
| 08/12/09 | <p>Failure of national negotiations over GPs vaccinating the under 5s</p> <p>Email from Dr Roblin circulating GPC's letter re GPC and DH failing to agree on how to vaccinate the under 5s and requesting LMCs to negotiate locally with PCTs.</p>  |
| 01/12/09 | <p>Info Alert: Oct-Nov 09 Information Roundup</p> <p>Circulating BBOLMC's latest bi-monthly Information Roundup to practices.</p>   |

Previous Hot Topic information, plus the items shown below, specific to individual counties can be accessed via the following links:

**For Berkshire Practices**

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

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| 06/01/10 | <p>Info Alert: West Berks LMC News<br/>         Email from Dr Roblin giving notice that Dr Charles Gallagher has been elected Chair of the Berkshire West Local Reference Committee (LRC).</p> |
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**For Buckinghamshire Practices**

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

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| 04/01/10 | <p>New LMC Reps required for Milton Keynes<br/>         Email from Dr Roblin to all Milton Keynes practices advertising 2 vacancies for LMC Reps on the Milton Keynes Committee.</p> |
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**For Oxfordshire Practices**

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

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| 07/01/10 | <p>How to calculate your likely income from the Oxon Diabetes LES<br/>         Email from Dr Roblin circulating his calculator to facilitate practices calculating their likely income from the Oxon Diabetes LES.</p> |
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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 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)**

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

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