Your Chairman writes ……..

Having endured a torrid trip back to Cornwall, I returned enthused to my practice this week only to have my enthusiasm quickly extinguished by the workload. I had discovered what we all know when we have some time out of practice – nothing changes. The same patients are still waiting to see you and work has simply been deferred, not gone away. It has always been thus. Will it ever change? Perhaps not. However, amidst all of the usual conference bluster one motion was passed that may well have a profound effect. In essence it was a call for a new contract with activity based payment. Imagine if that had been in place for the last 5 years? Instead of pay flat-lining, it would have gone through the roof or workload would have remained realistic. It is because we are such fantastic value and can adapt that we have become victims of our own success. Will this sort of contract ever come to pass? I doubt it – for a start no one could afford it. More likely in the long term is the sort of contract held by Multi Specialty Community Providers (MSCP – see the 5 year forward view). In the meantime what can we do to control workload? The answer is simple as has been spelt out here before – don’t do stuff that belongs elsewhere. Use the LMC rebuff forms or the materials supplied by GPC and available on the BMA website. If in doubt about work that you are being asked to do, please contact us and we will let you know what we think.

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LMC Website

If you haven't already please check out our website which has all the latest news, jobs and events.

http://www.kernowlmc.co.uk

And don’t forget to follow us on Twitter and Facebook

- Items for the Newsletter should be sent to the Editor, Dawn Molenkamp at Sedgemoor Centre, Priory Road, St Austell PL25 5AS
  Tel: 01726 627978,
  e-mail dawn@kernowlmc.co.uk
SARS Requests - Digital Signatures

There is good legal basis and precedence to accept digital signatures only.

However the GPG have been in discussion with the insurance industry about this proposed changes.

They are satisfied in principle but at the last JGPITC meeting they were asked to make some further changes to their proposed process before the GPC agree to them.

Therefore it is suggested that GPs decline digital signatures at present citing that there is not agreement with GPC yet. After there is agreement it will be up to constituents whether to accept these or not.

One the GPC have finalised these agreements the details will be circulated.

On the same note they have still not agreed with the ICO whether it is lawful for insurance companies to use SAR instead of a PMAR. There is a recommended proforma letter on the BMA website that practices can send to their patients when one is requested, which can be accessed towards the bottom of this page.

Updated Guidance on PGD and PSD

The GPC’s guidance on Patient Group Directions (PGD) and Patient Specific Directions (PSD) in General Practice has been updated following regulatory and organisational changes within the NHS, and new NICE Guidelines.

The guidance is available on the Drugs and Prescribing page on the BMA website and is also attached to this newsletter.

Doctors’ use of Social Media

As the use of Social Media by GP Practices has recently been scrutinised by the press it may be of use to know that the GPC has guidance on this issue and can be found here.

Update on the Specialist Psychological Service

As many of you will know the current funding by the NHS will cease very shortly and there is a replacement service being offered by DevonDocs. The latest update letter is attached to this newsletter, and I would urge you all to not only read, but support this very valuable service. It can be a very cost effective way of keeping yourself, or one of your partners working, and therefore maintaining practice income. Please think carefully and support this valuable and valued service.
At the last NLG meeting it was noted that some of the group had not received the Care Act Briefing Presentation given in April.

Please find that document attached again. Leaflets have also been sent to Practices.

GMS Ready Reckoner for 2015/16

You may be interested to know that NHS Employers has published a GMS ready reckoner for 2015/16. We will be linking to this page from our website:

It is the spreadsheet labelled GMS ready reckoner:

Business Rules - Enhanced Services

The first batch of Enhanced Service Business Rules for 2015/16 have now been published on the HSCIC website at the link below:

Enhanced Services business rules v5.0 - Health & Social Care Information Centre

This includes Dementia, Learning Disabilities, Rotavirus and Pneumococcal with others to follow as and when completed and timeframes agreed.

The Care Certificate

From April 2015 Health Care Assistants and Support Workers who deliver direct care to patients are required to complete new training standards and obtain the New Care Certificate. Further information on communications sessions around this agenda and materials can be found at http://southwest.hee.nhs.uk/ourwork/bands-1-4support-workers/care-certificate/. Contact details of the pilot site experts can also be found.

If you want to book on to any of the communications sessions please contact tracy.venning@southwest.hee.nhs.uk

Sessional GPs Newsletter

The May edition of the sessional GP enewsletter was sent out yesterday and is available here:

http://bma-mail.org.uk/t/JVX-3E2WH-1BJCJOU46E/cr.aspx

The Chair's message focusses on the LMC Conference. The enewsletter also features Top Tips on Working in OOH, and some interesting blogs – 'I wanted so much to respect his last wishes' and 'How sport keeps me sane'.
Clinical Research for Non-Medical

Wednesday 24 June 2015
9:30am – 4:30pm, more details here
Sandy Park Conference Centre, Exeter
Keynote Speaker:
Professor David A Richards
Professor of Mental Health Services Research and NIHR Senior Investigator

RCGP Tamar Faculty Study Day & AGM

Thursday, 16 July 2015, 9 am – 4.15 pm
Buckfast Conference Centre
Sleep, Breathe, Think
You can view the flyer here
The booking form is here

‘Never events – what the NHS can learn from aviation’

Trevor Dale—FRAeS, Co-Founder and Managing Director of Atrainability,
Retired British Airways Training Captain
Date: Wednesday, 2 September 2015
Time: 6:00 – 7:45pm
Venue: Lecture Theatre G18, Medical School, St. Luke’s Campus, EX1 2LU
Email: UEMS_CPD@exeter.ac.uk
Click here for more information.

Identifying Dementia in Primary Care: A Practical Evidence—Based Approach

Wednesday 30 September 2015 9.00am – 5.00pm
Reed Hall, Streatham Campus, University of Exeter, Exeter
Keynote Speaker:
Dr Nick Cartmell
GP Lead for Dementia, NHS South of England
BOOK NOW http://medicine.exeter.ac.uk/cpd/
See attached flyer for more information.
Out of Hours Training - The Art of Telephone Consultations

There are three training sessions to be held at The Health and Wellbeing Innovation Centre, Truro. Sessions are from 8.30am to 5pm on Tuesday 9th June, Friday 12th June and Tuesday 30th June. A flyer and booking details are on the attachments to this newsletter. If you need additional information please contact Charlottemartin1@nhs.net

Urgent Care General Practitioners, West Cornwall Hospital, Penzance

Are you looking for some part time work as part of a Portfolio Career in General Practice? We are looking for enthusiastic, motivated and innovative individuals to work in the Urgent Care Centre and Acute GP Clinic in West Cornwall. These posts are based in the Urgent care Centre at the West Cornwall Hospital, which was launched in spring 2012 bringing together the current Casualty Department, a new Acute GP Clinic together with enhanced diagnostic and radiology support. The hospital has regular support from both Consultants and Acute GP Services in Truro. You will need to work as a senior member in a multi-disciplinary team working with middle grade ED doctors, ENPs, experienced nurses and GP Specialist Trainee Doctors who staff the two Medical Wards. The job has several facets including medical care for patients attending the Urgent Care Centre, provision of Acute GP services for patients from the West of the County, and medical and educational support for the GP Specialist Trainees covering the WCH inpatients at West Cornwall Hospital

Applicants will be qualified GPs with acute medical experience and a desire for innovation. You will be required to contribute a minimum of two clinical shifts per week on a Rota combined with Emergency Department Specialty Grade Doctors. Some weekend working will be required together with out of hour’s sessions which attract additional remuneration. Training will be provided prior to commencement of clinical duties in addition to a generous CPD and remuneration package.

For further information or to arrange an informal visit please email Dr. Neil Davidson, Specialty Director for West Cornwall Hospital Neil.Davidson@Cornwall.NHS.UK

Job description and other details at https://www.jobs.nhs.uk Reference: 156-MS-601

GP Salaried, Penzance

We are looking for an additional salaried GP/Partner(s) to fill a six-eight session position from September 2015.

Morrab Surgery is a friendly, inclusive practice with a continually growing list size. An interest in research and teaching medical students/registrars would be desirable. We are fully willing to be adaptable for the right candidate.

To arrange an informal visit please ring 01736 363866 to speak with Assistant Practice Manager, Deborah Williams.

Letter of application and full CV by 17th July 2015 to Deborah Williams, Assistant Practice Manager, Morrab Surgery, 2 Morrab Road, Penzance. TR18 4EL email Deborah.williams@morrab.cornwall.nhs.uk
The practice is going through an exciting development phase, having recently moved to new purpose built premises in Torpoint and looking to expand the services offered to patients from the new premises. The Rame Group Practice is a training practice and has a branch surgery in Cawsand.

Our practice has 4 GP Partners, 2 salaried GPs, 4 practice nurses and 2 HCAs looking after our 10,000 patients.

We are seeking an enthusiastic salaried GP to join our dynamic team.

Initial enquiries to Claire Greaves, Practice Manager on 01752 813277

Please e mail applications to kccg.ramegroup@nhs.net

We are a large, friendly, rural dispensing practice in the beautiful countryside of East Cornwall. We look after a stable rural population whilst having the security of size (17,500 list).

Our position offers excellent quality of life with stunning countryside and coastlines close by. We benefit from easy access to Exeter and good transport links to the rest of the country.

We have recently been granted NHS funding for expansion of our purpose built premises and, with the retirement of our senior partner, are looking for enthusiastic, patient centred Doctors to join our team.

We are happy to consider both Partnership and Salaried roles to fit the preference of the successful applicant.

Applications to Mr Peter Harper, Business Manager, Launceston Medical Centre, Landlake Road, Launceston, Cornwall PL15 9HH. Direct Dial 01566 771060. Email peter.harper5@nhs.net
Partnership Vacancy
Newquay Health Centre, Revised

SALARIED POST VACANCY with an option to join the Partnership after 12 months

NEWQUAY HEALTH CENTRE, NEWQUAY, CORNWALL

We are looking for an enthusiastic, motivated, team player to join our friendly and supportive forward thinking PMS training practice.

- Full, job share or part time hours available.
- Hours to fit around other commitments considered for the right candidate.
- Newquay is a popular holiday destination with stunning beaches and easy access to the South West Coastal Path and the Cornish Way.
  - PMS practice with 15,800 patients
  - 11 partners + 1 salaried (joining partnership April 2016) = 7.25 WTE
  - Nurse practitioner and strong Nursing team support
  - Consistently high QOF achiever
  - High emphasis on training – registrars/undergraduates
  - Excellent practice involvement in Commissioning and Locality development
- EMIS Web and electronic prescribing

Application with CV and covering letter to:
Sheena Pappin, Practice Manager,
Newquay Health Centre, St Thomas Road, Newquay, Cornwall, TR7 1RU
For more information Tel: 01637 893668. Email: sheena.pappin@nhs.net
Website: www.newquayhealthcentre.co.uk. Informal visits welcome.
Closing date 3rd June 2015

Partnership Opportunity, Port View Surgery, Saltash

Partnership Opportunity at Port View Surgery—Saltash

We are looking for an enthusiastic GP to become part of our friendly, committed team for up to 8 sessions per week.

What we can offer:

A stable list of 6500
- 4 GP partners
- Excellent nursing and admin support
- Clinical management of 9 community hospital beds
- Partner owned premises with outstanding views out to Plymouth Sound
- Flexibility around session timings
- Emis web
- Electronic Prescribing
- Patient care remains at the center of all we do

What we are looking for:
- Enthusiasm and commitment
- A pro-active approach
- Team Orientation

For more information or an informal visit, please contact tina.seedhouse2@nhs.net

Website: www.portviewsurgery.co.uk
Contact Name: Tina Seedhouse
Contact Tel: 01752 840115
We are looking to recruit an enthusiastic GP to join our team. Number of sessions will be flexible for the right candidate.

We are a progressive practice providing an extended range of high quality services, working from an inspiring grade 2 listed premises in this picturesque seaside town.

- 9 partners and 3 salaried GPs
- Nurse Practitioners
- 12,500 patients
- Strong emphasis on postgraduate and undergraduate training
- Research active
- On site MIU, minor surgery, pharmacy and physiotherapy
- Community hospital
- High QOF performance
- Active Patient Participation Group & Friends of Stennack Surgery

For further information please contact a member of our Executive Management Team:

Chris Gendall (Strategic Business Manager) chris.gendall@nhs.net
Dr Sam Freegard (Partner) sam.freegard@nhs.net
Dr Rupert Morrall (Partner) rupert.morrall@nhs.net

Or visit our website for more details, www.thestennacksurgery.co.uk

Closing date for applications: Friday 19th June Midday

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We are seeking an enthusiastic, dedicated and friendly part-time partner to join our dynamic, forward-thinking practice based in a small town surrounded by rural countryside and beautiful north coast beaches. You will be part of an expanding teaching practice, with the opportunity to work as part of a diverse, multi-skilled and experienced professional team of clinical and non-clinical staff.

- Growing list of 6000 patients
- Undergraduate Teaching Practice
- Training Practice With Two Registrars
- Consistently High QOF achievement. EMISWeb
- Onsite District Nurses, Macmillan Nurse, Speech Therapist, & Community Matron
- Practice details can be viewed on our website: www.phoenixsurgerycamborne.co.uk

Informal enquiries and visits are welcome.

Application in writing please with attached CV to Nikki Hewitson, Practice Manager
Phoenix Surgery, Rectory Road, Camborne, Cornwall, TR14 7DL, Tel. 01209 714876
nicola.collins@phoenix.cornwall.nhs.uk

Closing Date 13th July 2015
One of our Partners will be taking maternity leave from November 2015.

To maintain our current high standards of patient care we need to temporarily replace her sessions and we can be flexible as to how this is achieved. We are looking for six to eight sessions per week either from a single GP or on a shared basis.

During the maternity cover period you will have full responsibility for your own patients with support from the Partners and our outstanding nursing and management team.

- GMS practice with 8700 patients
- 6 Doctors
- EMIS Web paperless systems
- Committed to continued high QoF achievement
- Purpose built NHS owned and maintained premises
- Friendly, democratic and efficient Practice

To find out more about the Practice visit www.faldoc.co.uk/profile or contact our Practice Manager, Geoff Dennis for an informal discussion about the post or to arrange to visit the Practice.

We will request formal applications in writing or by email. If you are submitting a joint application please tell us how you and your joint applicant would arrange your work patterns for the benefit of the patients and the practice.

The Falmouth Health Centre Practice, Trevaylor Road, Falmouth, Cornwall, TR11 2LH.
Phone 01326 310160 or email geoff.dennis@nhs.net

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GP Maternity Cover
Bude

GP—TO COVER MATERNITY—6-8 SESSIONS PER WEEK
NEETSIDE SURGERY, BUDE
START DATE 1 OCTOBER 2015 FOR 7 MONTHS

We have a vacancy in our extremely happy little practice team on the North Cornish Coast, to cover Julia who will be going on Maternity Leave. We are an established training practice who values high quality care (currently awaiting our CQC inspection report from January).

We now look after 4500 patients and are continuing to grow due to our excellent reputation locally. We also look after the local 16 bed cottage hospital. We are currently 2 full time partners and 2 part time salaried, along with a very able ST3.

We are looking for the right person who will be motivated, flexible and above all friendly – someone who will fit in with a great team.

For more information and an informal chat please contact either Mike Dowling (Partner/Trainer) or Melanie Chenoweth (Practice Manager) on 01288 357992 or e-mail mike.dowling@neetside.cornwall.nhs.uk melaniechenoweth@nhs.net
We are looking for a motivated and committed GP to join our team at Sunnyside Surgery, either as a partner or as a salaried GP. The post is for 6 clinical sessions per week. The practice is located in Penzance, situated on the edge of Mounts Bay within the stunning West Cornwall peninsula.

With new partners having joined in the last 18 months, this is an opportunity for an incoming GP to be part of a forward-looking team that aims to build on quality of care whilst remaining true to our ethos of being friendly and accessible for our patients.

Opportunities for the practice have been enhanced with approval and funding for a new surgery development, which will be shared with 2 other practices in Penzance and owned by the partners. This exciting working collaboration will give us a strong base from which to provide care in the future.

The successful candidate will need to be flexible, a good communicator & committed to providing a high standard of care. A willingness to be involved in teaching and the ability to work well within a team are essential.

The Practice

PMS practice, 6100 patients
Currently 4 GP partners equating to 3 wte
Minor Illness Nurse Prescriber, 3 Practice Nurses, 2 Healthcare Assistants
Excellent support team of managerial, reception and clerical staff
Own premises
Microtest Evolution system
Consistently excellent QOF achievement
Involvement in Kernow Clinical Commissioning Group
Offer wide range of enhanced services
Branch Surgery at Sainsburys Store Penzance as a part of Mounts Bay Surgery, along with 2 other local practices
Placements for Medical Students of Peninsula Medical School
Aspiring to be a training practice in the near future.

Closing Date: 3rd July 2015

Application with CV and covering letter to:
Lin Rees, Practice Manager, Sunnyside Surgery, Hawkins Road, Penzance, TR18 4LT or via email to Linda. Rees@nhs.net
For more information Tel: 01736 363340. Email: Linda.Rees@nhs.net
Website: www.sunnysidesurgerypenzance.co.uk. Informal practice visits welcome by prior arrangement
Medical Director, Cornwall Health Ltd

Cornwall Health Ltd, commissioned to provide Out-of-Hours GP Services across Cornwall with effect from 1st June 2015, is inviting applications for the role of Medical Director.

The Medical Director, who should have significant General Practice experience allied to the National Health Service and GP management skills, will be responsible for the Clinical Leadership and Clinical Governance of the service, supporting the provision and development of a high quality, safe and effective out-of-hours healthcare service in Cornwall.

The starting date for the post (2 days per week) is negotiable. A job share would be considered. In addition the post holder will be expected to undertake regular out-of-hours sessions.

For further information about this interesting opportunity, please contact Dr Mike Ellis on 07779 252 113 or mike.ellis2@nhs.net

Application forms are available on www.devondoctors.co.uk Please complete an application form along with your current CV and email them back to ddooh.hr@nhs.net

Closing date for applications: Friday 19th June 2015
Cornwall Health Ltd is a partnership between Kernow Health CIC and Devon Doctors Ltd

Deputy Medical Director, Kernow Health

An exciting opportunity has arisen within Kernow Health CIC for a Deputy Medical Director accountable to the Chair & Chief Operating Officer.

Job Title: Deputy Medical Director (DMO)

Accountable To: Chair and Chief Operating Officer

Hours: 1 session of 4 hours per week

Salary: £320 per session plus mileage

Closing Date: Wednesday 10th June 2015

The key purpose of this role is to work alongside the Medical Director to ensure the successful delivery of our vision for Kernow Health CIC in securing the future of primary care in Cornwall. The next 2 years will be challenging and demanding for the CIC and we need the right person to be working in partnership with the Medical Director, the Chair and the Chief Operating Officer to deliver our objectives. For the right person it will be a tremendous opportunity to shape the future and make a difference to the way clinical services are developed and delivered.

For a full job description click on the link below to download the pdf file.

KHCIC Medical Director
I have something to share with you all in the strictest of confidence. As you are medical folk beholden to the rulebook of the esteemed Geriatric Moaning Council, I know I can trust you all implicitly, and that this will go no further. I am embarrassed to admit, in common with many of my gender and vintage, that I have been suffering from a cruel condition known by the euphemistic initials ED. Yes Dear Readers, over the last few weeks I have been suffering from the effects of Electile Dysfunction as politicians of all shapes and sizes, colours and persuasions, overwhelm me with increasingly implausible, improbable and impossible promises in relation to the NHS.

It will take more than sildenafil to achieve seven days a week access to routine GP appointments. According to an on-line poll conducted by GP Newspaper, a fifth of Family Docs have dropped an extended service in the past year as workload and funding pressures take their inevitable toll. At the same time a BMA survey, involving over fifteen thousand practitioners of the noble art of family doctory, revealed that three out of every ten full-time GPs are thinking of going part-time, with one in three GPs considering retirement in the next five years. The great thing about being a politician is that you can inhabit the Westminster bubble without having to engage with the real world. Lucky bally them!

However, I am delighted to be able to tell you that all is not lost, at least as long as the Cornwall and I’ll be Silly LMC continues to function with such admirable pluck and verve. Their latest top hole scheme, as outlined in last month’s issue of their exhilarating Newsletter, illustrates the importance of we medics being fully rounded people, embracing all aspects of our patients’ lives, including (since we are a rural county) animal husbandry. The existence of a Pastural Care Team really excites me. Apparently Bob Harvey is a new addition to this set-up, and I know him to be a thoroughly good egg. Karen Murdoch is more of a Kinder Egg, full of surprises. Francesco Spaghettioni can best be described as being something of a scrambled egg. As for Widow Twankie Jefferies, he’s a bit of a cracked egg, spending several months of the year during the pantomime season dressing as a woman. I suppose he’s on the team to address the concerns of the don’t knows.

I did note with some trepidation that the Pastural Care Team now also includes Dr Victoria Origami. Her effect on the Local Medical Committee has been somewhat dramatic, given that she is a Karate Sempai 1st Dan, which may sound like a Japanese sports car to you and me, but actually means that she is something of a potential killing machine. She arrives at LMC meetings by jumping through an open window and landing on the table. Elderly committee members, such as The Absent Abbott and Dr Dumbit, have been known to dive under the table clutching their GTN sprays in alarm. I wonder if we couldn’t harness her warlike tendencies by making her part of the BMA Negotiating Team. I feel confident my old chum Chag up at Tavistock Square would welcome her assistance with open arms, assuming she doesn’t immediately put him into a headlock. She would surely put icy fear into the heart of our reappointed Secretary of State for Health. After the awesome events of election day, we are now saddled with the prize twerp for another five years. What a cunning Hunt he is....