

What's new for sessional GPs

Burnt out? Suffering from stress?



NHS England has announced it is rolling out a national occupational health initiative from 1 April next year. Find out why we don't think these proposals go far enough – and what we're doing to change current unfair death-in-service benefit rules that penalise locum GPs

[Read Vicky's blog](#)

The suicide sign no one warns you about



Watch out if you start to feel angry with a patient who's threatening to end it all. 'Being really annoying' isn't on the standard risk list, but in the experience of this GP, who entered our mental health writing competition, it's a sure sign of transference and it never ends well

[Read the blog](#)

Editor's picks

Why you need a locum agreement

If you're a locum, you'll know that practices can vary considerably in the way they work. That's why we recommend creating a written agreement, setting out everything from the fees you will be paid to what enhanced services you will be expected to provide. [Read our practical guide](#)



Thinking about doing OOH work?

You get a chauffeur, there's hardly any paperwork and patients are always pleased to see you – what's not to like about out-of-hours work, asks Scottish GP Mary Anne Burrow?

[Read her blog](#)

How do you cope with patients' false hope?

Inner-city GP Flora Tristan is pierced to the heart – and furious – when patients return to her after

a referral still completely in the dark about how bleak their prognosis is. [Read her blog](#)

Deprivation of liberty: everything you need to know

As a GP, you're often on the frontline, treating vulnerable patients with impaired decision-making capacity, so we've put together some new guidance to help you. [Take a look](#)

Your money



At risk on your days off?

If you're a locum who passes away outside your contracted hours, as the law stands your family could miss out on thousands of pounds of death-in-service benefits. We're lobbying to change this, but in the meantime we suggest you review your insurance needs. If you need help, our partners [Chase de Vere](#) offer free consultations to BMA members. [Book today](#)

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