With so many changes afoot, it seems a good time to send out a newsletter with the aim of giving a summary of the state of play with current medical educational issues. There are a lot of them. Perhaps read the detail in one of your rare quiet moments or keep for reference.

I am trying to reach all Doctors working in general practice and this is being circulated to all GP principals, Practice Managers, and the Non Principals including GP Registrars that I can identify. Please copy to anyone in your practice who may find it helpful, especially GP locums and potential GP returners. Here are the headlines, the details follow:

- The end of PGEA, and what replaces it
- Educational Certification
- Appraisal: Herts primary care education: [www.hertspeed.org/ppdintro.htm](http://www.hertspeed.org/ppdintro.htm)
- Revalidation
- Local Educational Arenas
  - Postgraduate centre lunchtime programme END OF CHARGING
  - PLT (TARGET) Multidisciplinary education
  - In house education
  - Higher Professional Education (HPE) for new GP principals
- Out of hours (OOH) related educational issues
- Retainer scheme / Flexible career scheme(FCS)/ Modernising medical careers(MMC)
- Coming soon: [www.starpace.co.uk](http://www.starpace.co.uk) - your own local primary care education website

Please be assured that I am working closely with other educationalists and managers, medical and non-medical, within and with-out the PCT. We are all doing our best to support your learning and training needs and appreciate that this is a time of heavy workload and challenging changes.

The references quoted are mainly electronic; Remember the Eastern Deanery website is now excellent: [www.easterngp.co.uk](http://www.easterngp.co.uk) I would appreciate any feedback and will try to answer any queries received by post, telephone or e-mail to the Postgraduate Centre address above.

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