



Update from the Consortium of Lancashire & Cumbria LMCs

Tuesday 5th December

Help us grow our audience - LMC Distribution list

We would like to grow our LMC audience. If you know any GPs or PMs in your practice that don't receive this Brieflet and/or is not on our distribution list, please ask them to [get in touch with us!](#)

General Practice Alert State (GPAS)

The LMC launched GPAS last week. Thank you to everyone that submitted data on behalf of your Practice. If you are a Practice Manager and have not received any details regarding GPAS [please let us know.](#)

You can see the SitRep results from last Friday [on our website.](#)

Have your say on the future of General Practice

Next year marks both the 20th anniversary of the introduction of the 2004 GMS contract, and the end of the current 2019-24 five-year investment framework. A general election is also likely at some point in the year, and potentially, a new government. With change comes opportunity, and a window to influence how we deliver patient care now and for the years ahead.

Manifestos from the main political parties, think tanks, charities, and other health bodies will seek to influence these changes. In advance of these, the BMA GPC will publish its own vision outlining the future direction for general practice by those who know it best: GPs themselves.

This is where you come in. If you only respond to one survey, make it this one.

The BMA GPC want to hear from all fully qualified GPs in England, whether you're a BMA member or not. Please share the survey with all your GP colleagues. All responses will be anonymised.

The survey will close on Sunday 21 January 2024. Please: [complete the survey](#) as soon as possible, to ensure the BMA GPC negotiating position is as strong as possible.

Locum GPs reporting reduced opportunities

Almost every practice is experiencing a cash flow crisis. BMA GPC concern is that this represents the perfect storm leaving Locum GPs with reduced opportunities for work.

Are you a GP Locum who is worried for their future?

Tell the BMA GPC in the following Survey to provide the BMA with evidence to take forward:

<https://tinyurl.com/GPSurveyShare>

LMC England conference 2023 update and resolutions

Chaired by Avon LMC's Dr Shaba Nabi, your national representative conference of representatives of England LMCs met last week. The title "Green Lights, Not Red Lines" framed the debates and discussions of the 300+ LMC representatives present, with an additional day's Special Conference which went into greater detail around continuity of care, funding formulas, and the merits of 'dissecting' unplanned from planned care. Read the resolutions and election results [here.](#)





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Letter regarding NHS England Performers List

There has been a recent amendment to the National Health Service (Performers Lists) (England) Regulations 2013.

This amendment details a requirement for all practitioners on the English National Performers List to make a declaration to NHS England confirming that they continue to provide NHS services, under Regulation 9(1)(A). This requirement will come into effect from 1st January 2024.

In anticipation of this, NHS England are asking all practitioners on the Performers List in the North West to ensure that their personal information and contact details are up to date on PCSE Online and that they are included on the List for the region they are working in.

When updating this information, practitioners will need to make sure that they tick the box which states whether or not they consent to NHS England sharing their details with the relevant LRC (Local Representative Committees). If either 'yes' or 'no' is not ticked, then the current information added will not be saved on the online portal.

You can access your Performers List record via the PCSE portal at <https://secure.pcse.england.nhs.uk/>

Further guidance is available here: <https://pcse.england.nhs.uk/services/performers-lists/gp-performers-list-for-england/>

If you have any queries, please contact the team at england.nwperformerslist@nhs.net.

LMC Soapboxes

The LMC hosts monthly 1 hour drop-in sessions via Microsoft Teams for all Practice Managers and GPs across Lancashire & Cumbria. The LMC soapbox is an opportunity for you to raise anything with your LMC, meet your representatives, hear about the services we can provide but most importantly, we would like to hear from you and how we can support you!

You are welcome to dip in and out - There is no requirement to stay the full hour and you are welcome to just listen. You will receive posters via email with details of how to join the Soapbox for your area. Upcoming Soapbox's:

- Central Lancashire: December TBC
- Morecambe Bay: 7th December
- Cumbria: 19th December
- Pennine: 20th December
- Fylde Coast: 12th January

Please [let us know](#) if you have any questions!

MMR Catch-up campaign

[NHSE has now confirmed the vaccination 'catch-up campaign' for 2023/24.](#) As with last year this will focus on MMR vaccinations and NHSE have set out a number of actions for practices to support the campaign. As per the SFE, practices will receive an item of service fee for every vaccination.





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Non-consolidated pay uplift for ARRS staff

Please see the following link regarding the non-consolidated funding for NHS staff: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/guidance-on-department-for-health-and-social-care-funding-for-non-consolidated-pay-awards-in-non-annex-one-organisations/>

For PCNs, this will be ARRS staff on analogous pay scales to AfC.

Please see [the XL spreadsheet](#) to be completed and submitted by 15th December at 12 noon.

Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training on Learning Disability and Autism

The DHSC consultation into the implementation of the '[Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training](#)' has now closed and the BMA GPC are awaiting the recommendations. The BMA GPC has responded, expressing a number of concerns regarding the impact this programme may have on General Practice.

In the interim you should note that there is a legal requirement within the Health and Social Care Act 2022 for GP practice staff to receive training in Autism and Learning Disability. However, whilst the title of the programme includes the word mandatory, this does not mean that any single particular training programme is required. It is for the time being, the DHSC and NHS England recommended programme, so should practices undertake this programme, CQC and ICB teams will accept this.

It is unlikely, at least in the short term, that practices will find it easy to identify alternatives, especially for Tier 2 training, which needs to be delivered by specified trainers including one person with Learning Disability/Autism. If practices do undertake alternative Tier 1 training, it is recommended they ask the training provider for written assurances of the equivalency of their training programme to the [Tier 1 Oliver McGowan training](#) (which can be delivered remotely). CQC is waiting to receive clarification in relation to the accreditation of alternative training packages.

Tier 2 training currently involves a full day's face-to-face training: given the numbers of eligible participants, undertaking such training will cause a significant interruption in service capacity. Ideally Tier 2 training should be delivered over one day only, within six months of receiving Tier 1 training. This creates a difficulty for practices as at present it is unlikely local dates have been set for Tier 2 training and this may not be realistic to do until the outcome of the Consultation is known.

The BMA GPC recommends that the training should be coordinated by local ICB teams working with Training Hubs once the outcome of the Consultation have been published. CQC's advice to practices about this type of training is available [here](#).

Shingles technical guidance

[NHS England has published updated technical guidance of the shingles vaccination programme](#). The guidance sets out information on eligible cohorts, clinical codes required to record shingles vaccination events and how payments will be supported via GPES, following the changes to the programme that came into effect from September this year.

