



Update from the Consortium of Lancashire & Cumbria LMCs

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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)

You can see the latest SitRep results below. Results can also be found [on our website](#).

You can see the [national GPAS SITREP here](#).


The data helps us gather a true picture of the pressure's practices are under. When completing the GPAS form please ensure that you are inputting the correct numbers to avoid incorrect data.

[Please let us know](#) if you are a Practice Manager and do not receive the GPAS input emails.

General Practice SOS – [Safe working](#)

GENERAL PRACTICE SOS ×

GPs see the equivalent of half the UK population every month



- Over 1000 practices gone
- 1,900 fewer full-time qualified GPs
- Over 6,000,000 more patients on the books
- Equivalent of 1:2 population seen EACH month
- 400 million consultations per annum
- 5-6% of overall NHS funding spent on practice contracts
- 5% of all NHS staff

We urge practices to continue to use the [BMA safe working guidance](#) to limit contacts to 25 per day in order to prioritise safe patient care, within the present bounds of the GMS contract.





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Emergency motion at GPC UK on The Phoenix Partnership (TPP)

An emergency motion was debated recently in response to reports of comments allegedly made by Frank Hester OBE, chief executive of The Phoenix Partnership (TPP). The motion, below, has passed in all parts.

Emergency Motion

BMA

That this meeting is disgusted by the reported violent, openly racist and misogynistic comments, made by Frank Hester, Director of The Phoenix Partnership (TPP), and directed at the Rt Hon Ms Diane Abbott MP, and:

- i) notes that his comments contravene NHS England's fit and proper person test framework introduced in response to the 2019 Kark Review recommendations, taking into account CQC requirements in relation to directors
- ii) calls upon UK health boards to apply their own processes vigilantly when contracting external stakeholders whose views and values may not align with the wider professional national NHS workforce
- iii) advises GP practices to consider Hester's comments prior to signing new contracts with TPP
- iv) believes Frank Hester should resign and handover his Directorship with immediate effect.

You can read more [here](#).

Electronic Prescribing from Secondary Care to Community Pharmacy

The NW Digital Team and Pharmacy leads are starting to develop Electronic Prescribing from secondary care to community pharmacy. They have created a survey which they would welcome your thoughts on: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LPJ6GWL>

Annual flu letter

The tripartite annual flu letter for 2024/25 has now been published: [National flu immunisation programme 2024 to 2025 letter -GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/121212/national-flu-immunisation-programme-2024-to-2025-letter-gov-uk.pdf)

The letter sets out for providers the details of which cohorts are eligible for a flu vaccine in 2024/25 and which vaccines will be reimbursable. There are no changes to the cohorts for next year's programme, but based on JCVI advice, there are changes to the timing of the adult programme.

NHSE will aim to publish the flu service specifications shortly.

Very high-risk breast screening

NHS England is currently contacting a group of 1,487 women at very high risk of breast cancer following chest radiotherapy for Hodgkin lymphoma, after NHSE was alerted that some of these women treated when aged between 10 to 35 years during 1962 to 2003 may not have been invited for this annual testing. NHSE has sent a letter apologising for what has happened and NHS breast screening services will follow up by offering appointments.

Anyone who thinks they might be in this group can get further information and support from a dedicated helpline: 0345 8778962

More information can be found on the [NHS website](#)





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LMC Vacancies

2 out of our 5 Committees have seats available for GP representation:

- Lancashire Coastal - 4 seats available
- North Cumbria - 2 seats available

We are keen to hear from GPs, including GP Registrars/ Trainees, who may wish to get involved to represent your constituents. Please let us know if you are interested in being a LMC member or would like to find out more.

Academy Matters - MLCSU IT Training Newsletter - March 2024

[Please see the MLCSU IT Training monthly Newsletter here](#)

Practice Vacancies - Submit your vacancy [here](#)



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