



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!](#)

LMC Celebratory Ball

The LMC are looking at the possibility of hosting a celebratory ball to commemorate General Practice across Lancashire and Cumbria. We will be looking to host the ball in October at the Winter Gardens in Blackpool.

We want this to be a celebratory night of fun for anyone working in general practice. This will be a ticketed event and we want to assure you that no core LMC funds will be used to subsidise the event.

In order for us to start making arrangements, we are looking to gather expressions of interest from anyone who may want to help out on the planning committee. Please let us know if you would be interested in being on the [planning committee here.](#)

Please let us know if this is an event you would like to attend (subject to date and time being agreed) by completing the following anonymous [yes/ no survey.](#) This will help us gauge the feasibility of hosting such an event. Thank you.

Referendum and next steps

The BMA have produced a [webpage](#) with everything you need to know about the current GP contract changes and what they plan to do next. Whatever is presented March 1st will be put to you in a referendum which will enable the profession to decide whether the offer sufficiently supports general practice in England for the forthcoming financial year, or not.

To be eligible to vote in the referendum, you need to be a member of the BMA to have your say. This includes making sure your details are up to date and spreading the word to colleagues about joining the BMA. The referendum won't prevent the Government from imposing changes to the contract, but it will provide vital insight into how the profession feels, and where to go next.

Update your member details on www.bma.org.uk/my-bma or [join the BMA today](#) to have your say. [Visit the BMA GP contract page here](#)

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.





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General Practice Alert State (GPAS)

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

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 Infographics & Posters

We have created General Practice appointment data infographics and posters for Practices to use in your waiting rooms, websites, and social media. These posters raise patient awareness on the current state of General Practice and how practices are operating.

[Please visit our website](#) and feel free to pick and choose the images that are suitable for your practice's needs. Additionally, if you have any ideas for a new infographic that other practices could use [please contact us](#).

Unclosed episodes of Advice & Guidance

The ICB will be emailing GPs regarding unclosed episodes of Advice & Guidance. Across the patch there are several hundred of these and many are historical. There is a small but credible risk that if any of these have not been actioned, patients may come to harm and until these episodes are closed the clinical risk remains with the GP. Most cases will be purely an administrative exercise but it is in the Practices' interests to review these cases as soon as possible and to perhaps consider a system for monitoring the situation. There are plans for the ICB to share further updated data for each Practice at the beginning of April. As Advice & Guidance is an ongoing service the ICB expect that Practices will show some low level of incomplete activity going forward.

2024 Employment Law Updates

See the [2024 Employment Law Updates on our website](#). If you do not know the password for our HR section of the website [please get in touch](#).

Change to claimable suture list

Practices who carry out minor surgery, as you are aware, can claim against sutures (and local anaesthetic) which are listed on the NHS Drug Tariff. This month several sutures were removed from the list and have been replaced on the tariff by far more expensive sutures.

Please see the [following document](#) which covers changes to the claimable suture list.

Academy Matters - [MLCSU IT Training Newsletter – February](#)

