



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 we receive from you helps us gather a true picture of the pressures practices are under in Lancashire and Cumbria and provides us with evidence when liaising with system partners.

When completing the GPAS form please ensure that you are inputting the correct numbers to avoid incorrect data and please do continue to keep us updated on a weekly basis.

We really appreciate you taking to the time to help us to help you.

Please let us know if you are a Practice Manager and do not receive the GPAS input emails.

Pre-School Flu Letters 24/25

Please find attached letter here from Public Health, NHS England regarding Pre-School Flu.

Digital Clinical Safety Officers - General Practice

Recently, attention has been drawn to digital clinical safety assurance in General Practice. Digital clinical safety assurance is the process by which health IT used by care professionals is assured as safe and meets required national standards that are mandatory under Health and Social Care Act 2012. In particular, we know that there have been concerns raised in Lancashire and South Cumbria in relation to the use of the Eclipse system by practices agreeing to deliver the current GP Quality Contract locally and who should be the responsible Digital Clinical Safety Officer for its deployment.

The LMC are engaging with the ICB on this specific issue and with a view to finding an appropriate solution in terms of Digital Clinical Safety Officer support, given that it is unrealistic for all practices to have a person able to do this role. We are also awaiting update from GPC England's Digital, IT & Data Policy Group Lead on their national discussions with NHSE on this issue.

LMC HR Service

The LMC HR service has now been operating, with considerable success, for over 10 years. We believe the service to be unique in the context of LMCs and, during our existence, we feel we have enabled Practices to address and to solve some extremely complex and sensitive issues and, along the way, saved several £000's of pounds. The service is funded by the GP levy paid by Practices but, in terms of delivery, and support to those Practices, it is free of charge in providing specialist professional and legal advice.



Although the HR service has proven to be a successful element of the services offered by the LMC, we are aware of the increased pressures GP Practices and PCNs face, and therefore we are exploring the possibility of expanding our services to help ensure we continue to meet your needs and can support the future of General Practice by working with you on succession and workforce planning strategies, not only in the short term for the long term. Having such robust strategies in place ensure the on-going survival of General Practice. This expansion of service would be chargeable to PCNs accessing operational support and GP practices accessing strategic input from expert advisors.

Following a recent Survey Monkey questionnaire sent to all PCN Managers, we have looked at the feedback received, and overall, it appears that there is reasonable substantial interest amongst PCNs in accessing our operational support service, and paying for it, with some considering the option of leaving their current HR provider and joining ourselves.

This is good news, and we are keen to continue to explore this further and will be providing a briefing to go out to PCNs explaining the offer in more detail. We are also exploring with Executive Leads and we might gain better access to the key individuals within PCNs across the whole Consortium and what opportunity we might have to get our messages across in a face to face environment.

If you have any questions, please contact Stevie.

Employment Indemnity Insurance

Please see further details of the Employment Indemnity Insurance cover via the LMC HR page on our website below.

General Practice Appointment Infographics - May 2024

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

Some example infographics can be seen below. Feel free to pick and choose the images that are suitable for your practices needs on our website.

If you would like the images in a different format please get in touch.

LMC Vacancies

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

- North Cumbria - 3 seats available
- Central Lancashire - 3 seats available
- Morecambe Bay - 1 seat 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.