



Update from the Consortium of Lancashire & Cumbria LMCs

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Communicating with your patients / Rebuild General Practice

The LMC has created a website page dedicated to help support practices in [communicating with your patients](#). On this page, you will find various resources which you can print as posters, use on your website or circulate via your social media channels.

We have also created a page for the [Rebuild General Practice Campaign](#).

The campaign was created with GPs for GPs funded by the BMA & GPDF with a clear call to action for UK and devolved Governments: rebuild General Practice or put patient safety at increasing risk.

The campaign has released a new video in which GPs talk about the overwhelming, unmanageable, and unsafe situation in primary care.

- Watch it [here](#) and share far and wide!
- Retweet [@RebuildGP](#) to get the conversation going on Twitter.

Contact [Mariah](#) if you would like to get involved in the campaign – you can sign up for media training and speak to local media, learn more about how to engage your local MP, and join the team of GPs working together to Rebuild General Practice.

Outstanding amendments on Partnership Agreements – LMC Partnership Agreement Draft Service

As you may be aware, Abi Askew, our lead for the Partnership Agreement Drafting Service, is leaving this month to go on maternity leave.

The drafting service will be temporarily unavailable until Abi returns.

If any practices have any amendments to their agreements that are outstanding, please let Abi know as soon as possible to ensure that these changes can be completed in time.

Unfortunately, we aren't starting any new agreements right now but will inform practices when Abi returns so that they can have an agreement drafted if they wish to do so.

Thank you to all of those who have had an agreement drafted by the LMC.

Evidencing your premises payments

We have received queries from practices who are worried that continuing rates of rent reimbursement/subsidies which they receive will not be continuing from July and they believe they have no written evidence of these current rates.

The LMC have asked CCGs to produce schedules as a starting point to consolidate and agree the situation before responsibilities are handed over to NHSE.





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PCN Governance Webinar

We are delighted to be working with DR Solicitors to bring you the PCN Governance Webinar taking place Wednesday 4th May 2022 (tomorrow), 1pm-2pm on Microsoft Teams.

If you are a GP or Clinical Director concerned about PCN Governance, then join Nils Christiansen for an informative discussion on incorporation, employment options, money management and organisational structure in PCNs. The webinar will last around an hour and include an opportunity to raise questions.

Nils Christiansen bio

Nils Christiansen is the Managing Partner and co-founder of DR Solicitors. Nils is an acknowledged expert on the NHS regulations and on the commercial environment in which GP practices operate. Nils has strong links across primary care and was deeply involved in the development of Primary Care Networks (PCNs).

If you would like to attend, please get in touch with [Rebecca](#).

Children aged 5 to 11 years can now obtain an NHS COVID Pass letter for international travel

Children aged 5 to 11 years living in England, Wales or the Isle of Man who have had a full primary course of COVID-19 vaccination can now get an NHS COVID Pass letter for travel.

A person with legal responsibility for the child can request the letter on their behalf either online at nhs.uk or by calling the 119 service. The letter is not available via GP practices.

The letter is posted to the address on the child's NHS record and will show all the COVID-19 vaccinations they have received. Further details can be found on the [GOV.UK guidance pages](#).

Accelerating patient access to their GP-held records

General practices were previously informed that from April there will be system changes for all practices using TPP and EMIS systems to provide all patients with easy access to their future health records. GPs will be informed of the go-live date (now expected summer 2022) with 2 months' notice and provided with resources to support preparations.

Educational sessions have been held to support staff with this change. Over 40% of practices have already attended at least one webinar, with [further places available](#) throughout May and June.

Read [further information about the change](#) or [contact the NHS team](#) if you have any questions.





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Pay Transparency Arrangements

Last year, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care confirmed that the implementation of general practice pay transparency was delayed until 2022. Amendments to the GP Contract Regulations have now come in to force which remove the requirement for individuals within scope of the general practice pay transparency provisions (GMS Regulation 27A, PMS Regulation 21A, AMPS Direction 7A) to make a self-declaration of their 2020/21 NHS earnings by 30 April 2022.

Individuals within scope of the pay transparency provisions should therefore not take any action ahead of 30 April 2022, and commissioners should not seek to enforce this contractual requirement. As previously communicated, commissioners should also continue to not enforce the requirement for individuals within scope of the pay transparency provisions to have declared their 2019/20 NHS earnings by 12 November 2021. These amendments implement the delay that the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care confirmed last year and are made with the expectation that this policy will resume at a later date.

Recruiting GP Clinical Teaching Fellows Lancaster University Medical School

To support the continuing expansion of Lancaster Medical School, they are in the next round of recruiting additional GP Clinical Teaching Fellows to support the higher student numbers due to enter Year 3, 4 and 5 in the next academic year September 22-23. They have a well-established and growing Primary Care Academic Team at LMS, with significant input throughout the undergraduate course from GP tutors – a great positive influence which has contributed to being high in the national metrics for proportion of graduates choosing general practice as a career, and significantly also staying locally.

Please see [here](#) for more details or get in touch with Dr Fliss Connolly, Director of Primary Care Academic Teaching f.connolly@lancaster.ac.uk if you're interested!

Genomics in Practice: GP Newsletter

Please see [attached](#) (to email) the first newsletter on Genomics in Practice from the Genomic medicine service alliance. The newsletter will hopefully provide you with an insight into genomic medicine and the range of continued professional development, education, and training resources available via the Alliance and partners, including Health Education England's Genomic Education Programme.

