



# Update from the Consortium of Lancashire & Cumbria LMCs

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022

## Expiry of Coronavirus Act – Death certification and cremation forms

Changes to death certification processes for all doctors are now in force following the expiry of the Coronavirus Act on 24 March 2022. The changes are outlined on our website [here](#).

Updated guidance has also been published by [General Register Office/HM Passport Office](#) and [Ministry of Justice](#).

## GP Contract Updates for 2022/23

[NHSE published documentation 31 March](#) supporting the arrangements set out in the letter of 1 March 2022 for [General Practice contract arrangements in 2022/23](#).

This includes the revised [Network Contract Directed Enhanced Service \(DES\)](#) and associated guidance and FAQs; guidance on the Quality Outcomes Framework (QOF) and the Impact and Investment Fund (IIF); guidance on the service specifications for Personalised Care, Early Cancer Diagnoses and Enhanced Health in Care Homes; and an updated ready reckoner.

Please see the following [link](#) which contains a cover note of the main PCN DES changes.

## Pay Transparency Arrangements for 2022/23

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 been laid in parliament which, subject to the will of parliament, will remove the requirement for individuals within scope of the general practice pay transparency provisions 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. Commissioners should also continue to not enforce the requirement for individuals within scope of the pay transparency provisions to have declared their 2019/20 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.

## New features of the GP Registrations Data Platform

The [GP Registrations Data Platform](#) now provides practices with even more information about GP2GP patient record transfers. You can now view practice level information about the number of registrations that triggered a GP2GP transfer in the month.

## Enhanced Service Specification Responsibilities

Following a patient safety incident, this is a reminder to all practices to check that vaccine alerts have been switched on.





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### Decreasing coverage of MenB vaccination in infants

Practices are encouraged to continue to maximise efforts to increase coverage of MenB vaccination during early childhood (the most at-risk group) and raise awareness of susceptibility amongst adolescents and university aged students. [Latest quarterly COVER data](#) shows a decline in coverage of MenB vaccination in infants. Coverage of the MenB booster measured at 24 months is lower than that for the PCV booster, Hib-MenC booster or MMR vaccination given at this age.

### Improvements to benefit eligibility at the end of life

From Monday 4 April 2022, eligibility for the Special Rules is changing. These currently apply to people who have six months or less to live and will now apply to people who have 12 months or less to live. Two working-age benefits will be impacted by this change. To support people accessing these benefits and to find out more about the new process and medical evidence form, [DWP have published this guidance](#).

### Bowel Cancer Awareness Month

April is Bowel Cancer Awareness Month, an opportunity to raise awareness of the fourth most common cancer in the UK. Every 15 minutes someone is diagnosed with the disease, that's nearly 43,000 people each year.

For more information about bowel cancer and details of how to get involved in Bowel Cancer Awareness Month, visit [www.bowelcanceruk.org.uk](http://www.bowelcanceruk.org.uk).

### LMC Conflict Management Training

The following conflict management events will be split into three sections and is suitable for all clinical and non-clinical staff: The legal aspects of managing aggressive patients, understanding conflict and De-escalating conflict.

- 10th May
- 26th September
- 10th November

We also provide training specifically for your practice if there are over 10 members of staff wanting to attend. For more information or to book on to any of the above dates, please get in touch with [Rebecca](#).

For other training events please see [here](#).

