



Update from the Consortium of Lancashire & Cumbria LMCs

Tuesday 6th August

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.

Response to Weekend Riots - Keeping Practice Staff Safe

Given the events of the weekend, this is just a reminder that you and your teams have an absolute right to work without abuse. The LMC feel it is therefore appropriate to wish you well for the days ahead and remind you that if there is abuse of any kind towards any of your team, you can and should:

- Report them to the police
- Remove them from the list, effective immediately
- Code and document the nature of the abuse as a consultation and refer to the SAS.

Please see the helpful guidance from the BMA on how to manage discrimination from patients and their guardians/relatives. Please get in touch with the LMC if you require further support or visit our website here for further guidance and templates.

The LMC policy on discrimination (originally published in 2021) is currently being reviewed and will be republished shortly.

Please find recent statement from Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB here regarding practice safety measures due to protests.

We are aware of protests being planned for Wednesday 7th August in and around areas including Blackburn, Blackpool and Preston.

Please find our 'Communication with your Patients' section here which includes posters and resources. There are also generic posters which can be personalised available here.



Recent DDRB Announcement

Dear colleagues, I have just returned from leave today and am still playing catch up but wanted to send out a quick message to practices regarding the DDRB announcement recently. Sadly NHSE live in a slightly distorted reality when they say that there will be a 6 percent funding uplift to practices. A 4% (on top of the 2% already mentioned in April) uplift to 44% of core GMS funding (via the Global Sum) is NOT a 6 percent uplift of GP Practice funding. This will in fact result in a pay cut for partners. This comes on top of having to pay the ongoing (higher) charges for new CBT systems, the National Living Wage uplift in April, extra costs for SMS messaging, rising utilities and service charges.

The DDRB announcement is nowhere near enough to even keep finances stable. Practices need to bear this in mind so that they don't over promise wage increases to the staff as we still don't know how much the net increase to funding will be. Various medical accountants have also added that they feel it will be much less than 6 percent, as it's an increase only applied to the Global sum and will therefore not amount to anything near 6 percent. Our advice to practices would be to wait before committing to anything specific until we know what is coming in to the practice accounts.

Personally I feel that if the DDRB recommends an overall 6% uplift to contractor income then this has to be honoured to reflect the full increase across all income streams.

Dr Adam Janjua

GP Local Action Tracker Survey - 5-11 Aug

The BMA were delighted with the overwhelming success of the recent GPC England non-statutory ballot, where 98.3% of GP contractors in England who are BMA members and returned their ballot, voted to take collective action as outlined in the BMA GP Survival Toolkit.

The survey asks which ICB and LMC you are part of, and whether your practice is undertaking each type of action, and provides a space for further comment.

These surveys will enable the BMA to identify areas of high and low participation with the action, which can enable them to identify best practice in areas of high participation and obstacles to participation in areas of low participation, along with what support is needed to enable participation by those who wish to participate.

Surveys will be sent weekly on Monday, with a deadline of 5pm on Sunday for you to complete. This process will repeat each week. These surveys should be completed by only one member of staff per practice. The most appropriate person in your practice is to complete the weekly surveys which will be circulated.

The local action tracker survey for Monday, 5 to Sunday, 11 August can be found here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BMA_GP_Action_Tracking_5-11Aug

The data collected will then be used to monitor the participation with the different types of action across the country, and as a lobbying tool to demonstrate the level of participation in collective action.

Please be assured, that no identifiable data will be created as a result of this survey.

Local Enhanced Services - North Cumbria only

It has come to our attention that the North East North Cumbria ICB have circulated the specifications for the following Local Enhanced Service (LES):

- Gluten Free Product Supply Specification
- Hormonal Injection Administration Specification
- Minor Injuries LES Service Specification
- Near Patient Testing - High Risk Drug Monitoring Service
- Warfarin Monitoring Service Specification

Please note that these specifications have been circulated to practices without consultation and approval from the North Cumbria LMC. We will be actively reviewing these and ask for practices to hold off on any sign up. We will inform you of the outcome of this review as soon as possible.

General Practice Appointment Infographics - June 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 Soapboxes

The LMC hosts regular 1 hour drop-in sessions via Microsoft Teams for all Practice Managers and GPs across Lancashire & Cumbria.

The soapbox is an opportunity for you to raise anything with your LMC, meet your representatives, hear about the services we can provide but most importantly, we would like to hear from you and how we can support you!

You are welcome to dip in and out -There is no requirement to stay the full hour and you are welcome to just listen. You will receive posters via email with details of how to join the Soapbox for your area. Upcoming Soapbox's:

- Lancashire Coastal - 14th August 12:30pm - 1:30pm
- Cumbria - Tuesday 17th September - 12:30 - 1:30pm
- Pennine Lancashire - 3rd September 1pm - 2pm
- Central Lancashire - 10th September 1pm - 2pm
- Morecambe Bay - 5th September 12:30pm - 1:30pm

LMC Celebratory Ball

Please ensure you are reserving your tickets today, numbers are limited!

Please feel free to print a copy of the poster here to display in your Practice.

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.