



# Update from the Consortium of Lancashire & Cumbria LMCs

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022

## LMC Survey – How are we doing?

This is your last chance to feedback on our LMC survey so that we can continue to perform our role efficiently and prioritise what matters to you! Your feedback will help shape our support, advice and services to what people need and want.

We would be so grateful if you could please complete the survey which should take you no longer than 10 minutes. [Please carry out the survey here](#). The survey will be closing tomorrow.

## Practices to focus and reflect on wellbeing - 9 September

We sent out an email Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September regarding [World Suicide Prevention Day](#) and BMA encouragement to spend some time focusing on wellbeing and identifying the best ways of supporting each other's mental health. If you missed the email, [please see our website for further details](#).

If you are taking time out on Friday, please do not hesitate to give us a call and let us know how things are for you.

## Wellbeing

A range of wellbeing and support services are available to doctors and staff, and we encourage anybody who is feeling under strain to seek support. Please take a moment to check in on your colleagues' wellbeing and look out for each other. For further information on support services available [please visit our website](#) and/or get in touch with us.

## Supporting uptake of flu vaccination for people with a learning disability

As part of our aim to reduce premature mortality amongst people with a learning disability, we ask colleagues to review the innovative approaches used during COVID-19 vaccination roll out and consider similar approaches for flu vaccination. This includes using the many more vaccinators available to the system, their knowledge and skills about people with a learning disability and their need for [reasonable adjustments](#), to ensure successful vaccination.

## Emergency Registered Practitioner (ERP) register closing on 30 September 2022

The Emergency Registered Practitioner (ERP) provisions, which were created to allow suitable doctors to gain temporary emergency registration or a licence to practise in order to support the COVID-19 pandemic, [will be repealed on 30 September 2022](#).

Any doctors included on the performers list under the ERP provisions on this date will be removed from the list and will not be permitted to work in general practice. NHSE has worked with this group of doctors to ensure that should they wish to remain in practice beyond the emergency period, that they were supported to do so.

Employers are advised to check that any GP contracted with or employed throughout the emergency period, who intends to continue to work beyond 30 September 2022, is legally able to do so.





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## **Green Book update: Eligibility of people with a learning disability for the COVID-19 autumn booster vaccination**

As outlined in the recent [Autumn COVID-19 booster and flu system letter](#), this update confirms that people aged five and over on the GP learning disability register are eligible for the COVID-19 autumn booster vaccine following updated Green Book guidance. Please offer the COVID-19 autumn booster vaccination to everyone on the GP learning disability register and their carers

## **Subcontract for the provision of services related to the Network Contract Directed Enhanced Service 2022/23**

NHSE has developed a standard [subcontract for the provision of services related to the Network Contract DES](#). PCNs may use this to subcontract parts of the Network Contract, including Enhanced Access, to a third-party provider organisation. It is intended that using this subcontract means that any staff working for that organisation and spending at least 50% of their time working on the subcontract would be able to access the NHS Pension Scheme from 1 April 2023, which may not be guaranteed under other arrangements. For any further information please contact your regional team.

## **Investment and Impact Fund (IIF) and Network Contract DES Indicators: SNOMED Codes Tool**

NHSE has released the [22/23 Indicators and SNOMED Codes tool](#) to support PCNs in meeting the requirements of the IIF and Network Contract DES indicators. The tool enables users to view the SNOMED codes associated with each indicator to ensure that PCNs can accurately code their activity. To use the tool, users select the relevant indicator ID, which loads a list of associated SNOMED codes and their descriptions. A user guide is provided on the first page of the tool. The tool currently only contains indicators collected via the GP Extraction Service (GPES).

## **Help fill the gap in understanding the IMG GP experience**

If you know an international medical graduate (IMG) who did GP training in England but is not working in general practice, please encourage them to talk to Ipsos UK.

NHSE want to understand the experience of GP IMGs who are training or have completed training in England. They need to speak to more people who trained but are not working as GPs. For example, working in a hospital or elsewhere in England, or those working outside of England. Participants will be offered a £120 incentive. Please email [UK-NHS-IMG-research@ipsos.com](mailto:UK-NHS-IMG-research@ipsos.com) for more information.

## **Information Law Webinar**

We are delighted to be working with DR Solicitors to bring you the “**Information Law**” webinar taking place Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October, 6.30-7.30pm.

For more information, please see the following link: [Data Webinar with DR Solicitors | Consortium of Lancashire & Cumbria LMCs \(nwlmc.org\)](#)

