



# Update from the Consortium of Lancashire & Cumbria LMCs

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Tuesday 11th June

## 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 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 provide this as 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.

## LMC Celebratory Ball

We are pleased to announce that bookings for the LMC Celebratory Ball will be opening shortly.

Full details of how to purchase tickets will be communicated separately via a newsflash later this week.

## GPCE/LMC Roadshows

This is a reminder that Dr Samira Anane and Dr David Wrigley will be hosting roadshows in Preston and Carlisle. The event will be free to attend and be taking place on Thursday 20th June. Please find below posters which includes further details. If you would like to attend please let Rebecca know.

## BMA Public Facing Campaign: GPs Are On Your Side

A public facing information for patients has just been launched by the BMA and will complement collective action this Summer but please do begin to use the resources available: GPs Are On Your Side ([bma.org.uk](http://bma.org.uk))

Coming soon, there will also be infographic videos for surgery waiting rooms and websites, plus template letters for engaging with local stakeholders etc.

You can also find resources to support you to communicate with your patient on a range of issues including 'Do you need to see your GP?' on the LMC website here: [Communicating with your Patients | Consortium of Lancashire & Cumbria LMCs \(nwlmc.org\)](#)



## General Practice Resilience Programme

Since the inception of the General Practice Resilience Programme in 2016, the LMC has worked closely with NHSE, CCGs and now the ICB to support local practices. The programme was born out of recognised pressures in the system and is designed to support GP practices to improve their sustainability and resilience and secure operational stability.

The LMC's financial barometer report in 2024 has provided unequivocal evidence that the majority of local practices currently identify themselves as either Red (at immediate risk of closure due to extremely serious financial issues) or Amber (at risk of closure within the next 18-24 months) and that support is required.

- A finance training package for all practices across the system is in development, with the opportunity for all practices to field appropriate colleague(s) and this will be coupled with a bespoke 1-1 support offer with a LMC Professional Associate for those practices requiring additional input.
- Practices seeking a bespoke support package will be able to benefit from LMC Professional Associate input dependant on your individual needs and agree a model of delivery that suits your situation.

Dates and further details of the finance training sessions will be shared via LMC and ICB communications very soon.

The LMC and ICB have also agreed further priority areas for support utilising General Practice Resilience Programme funds, recognising that practices may find themselves at risk of closure or in extreme difficulties due to other circumstances. Please continue to liaise with your LMC should you require support. There will be no formal bidding process as has been in place in previous years.

## Calling all Neurodivergent GPs

The University of Liverpool are asking for help into the research on how to support neurodivergent doctors working in General Practice.

There is an ask to neurodivergent doctors and how they have accessed reasonable adjustments & adapted the workplace to manage working in a high pressure environment. The plan is then to share the findings; what really works on the ground (and what doesn't).

The survey link is below:

[QualtricsSurvey](#) | Qualtrics Experience Management

## Funding opportunity for innovative early cancer diagnosis projects

The NHS in Lancashire and South Cumbria is inviting organisations to bid for funding for innovative projects that will aid the earlier diagnosis of cancer in the area.

Lancashire and South Cumbria Cancer Alliance - the cancer team within NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB) - is launching an open call for applications from organisations across the health and care network including from primary and secondary care and the voluntary and charity sectors.

Bids for up to £100,000 per project are invited for projects that focus on earlier diagnosis of cancer that could impact stage shift (patients being diagnosed at stages one or two rather than three or four).

The application form includes details of the funding criteria. For more information please contact [tanis.barnett1@nhs.net](mailto:tanis.barnett1@nhs.net) or [lisa.flanagan1@nhs.net](mailto:lisa.flanagan1@nhs.net).

Please submit bids by 5pm on Monday 24 June to [tanis.barnett1@nhs.net](mailto:tanis.barnett1@nhs.net).

Additionally, the Cancer Alliance are looking to progress with supporting the further development of Cancer Champions locally and are keen to hear feedback on what would be helpful in Lancashire and South Cumbria. Please contact [teresa.karran@nhs.net](mailto:teresa.karran@nhs.net)

### **LMC Vacancies**

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

- Lancashire Coastal - 1 seat available
- North Cumbria - 2 seats available
- Central Lancashire - 3 seats available
- Morecambe Bay - 2 seats 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.