



Update from the Consortium of Lancashire & Cumbria LMCs

Tuesday 11th August 2026

NHS England MNP/SNP Consultation – LMC Position and Suggested Responses

NHS England is currently consulting on proposed **Multi-Neighbourhood Provider (MNP)** and **Single Neighbourhood Provider (SNP)** contracting models, with the consultation closing on **10 September 2026**.

The LMC has produced a [Position Statement](#) setting out its concerns and priorities for general practice. While supporting greater integration and neighbourhood working, the LMC believes this should build on the strengths of independent general practice rather than weaken the existing model. Its preferred approach is to retain and, where appropriate, locally vary the PCN DES, or alternatively for ICBs to commission SNPs directly.

The LMC does **not support an additional MNP contracting tier unless it is owned and controlled by general practice**, with appropriate safeguards to protect the registered patient list, funding, practice autonomy and existing PCN staff and ARRS commitments.

To support practices in responding, we have also produced a [Suggested Answers crib sheet](#), providing a recommended response and rationale for each consultation question. Please do not copy and paste the model answers. These are intended as a steer rather than a script, and practices, PCNs, GPs and practice managers are encouraged to personalise their responses and include local examples where possible. Please do not copy and paste the model answers. Please see the attached [Position Statement](#) and [Suggested Answers](#) and consider submitting a response before 10 September 2026.

Variation LES – LMC recommends extreme caution (Lancs & South Cumbria)

The ICB has launched a new **Variation Local Enhanced Service (LES)**, offering practices £7,000 to participate in a programme involving comparative performance data, structured reviews, action plans and PCN peer review. The initial focus is on referral variation, with pathology, diagnostics and other areas planned for subsequent phases.

Having reviewed the specification, the LMC Consortium Executive Board has concerns about the use of an LES as a mechanism for commissioner-led monitoring and management of variation in practice activity. The specification includes requirements for progress reporting to the ICB, with "issues for escalation" also identified as part of the commissioned support. **Our recommendation is that practices do not sign up to this LES.**

Practices remain free to make their own decision. However, any practice considering participation should be aware that this is not simply a payment for reviewing data. Participation brings a range of requirements around performance review, action planning, peer review, implementation of improvement actions and ongoing engagement with ICB-commissioned support.

The LMC supports genuine, clinically led quality improvement and constructive engagement with the ICB. However, we do not believe that an optional LES should become a vehicle for ongoing commissioner-led performance management.

We would, therefore, recommend that practices think carefully before signing up and fully understand all the potential implications of participation.





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FP69 - Patient Facing Materials

Following last week's Brieflet, Dr Adam Janjua's [music video](#) highlighting concerns around the FP69 patient list validation process has received growing attention.

The video has since been shared by both GPonline and Pulse, helping to bring wider attention to the concerns surrounding the FP69 process.

This is a positive development in raising awareness of the concerns practices are experiencing and helping to bring greater national attention to the impact of the FP69 process.

Please [share the materials](#) to raise patient awareness.

We will continue to share any further developments and updates as they arise.

Collective Action – Patient Awareness Campaign

The BMA continues to encourage GP practices across England to take part in [collective action in response](#) to the 2026/27 GP contract, highlighting concerns around increasing workload, patient safety and inadequate funding. Current actions include declining new shared care requests where there is no locally commissioned agreement, alongside previous actions relating to data sharing and medicines optimisation.

Practices are encouraged to help patients understand the challenges facing general practice and why collective action is being taken. The BMA has produced a range of patient-facing resources, including posters and digital materials, to support these conversations:

- [Patient care is our priority \(PDF\)](#)
- [Your GP is overwhelmed \(PDF\)](#)
- [The clock is ticking on patient care \(PDF\)](#)
- [Are you losing your GP? \(PDF\)](#)
- [Your medical records. Your rights \(PDF\)](#)
- [Worried about the future of your GP practice? Sign the petition \(PDF\)](#)

[See here for more resources and information on the campaign.](#)

LMC Vacancies - Help shape the future of General Practice

Three of our five Committees currently have seats available for GP representation:

- Lancashire Coastal LMC: several vacancies available
- Central Lancashire LMC: 1 vacancy available (Chorley & South Ribble)
- Lancashire Pennine LMC: 1 vacancy available (Rossendale)

Please let us know if you are interested in being a LMC member or would [like to find out more](#).

[You can find your LMC representatives on our website here.](#)

