



Update from the Consortium of Lancashire & Cumbria LMCs

Tuesday 12th September

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!](#)

LMC Soapbox's

The LMC has begun hosting monthly 1 hour drop-in sessions via Microsoft Teams for all Practice Managers and GPs across Lancashire & Cumbria.

The LMC 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.

You should have received posters via email with details of your next soapbox for your area.

Inclisiran injections

In last week's LMC Brieflet, we urged practices to reject any approach for GPs to administer Inclisiran unless it is accompanied with an Item of Service fee that is acceptable to them. This followed the issuing of a national communication and guidance on the role of this drug in lipid management. It is being suggested there is potential to deliver significant population health gain if there is delivery at scale in primary care. The LMC is of the opinion that this constitutes new and unfunded work, and we are taking our concerns up locally with commissioners. We will be creating a template letter should you find yourself in receipt of any unwanted requests to undertake work you are not funded to provide which we will send in the near future.

New NICE guidance on acute respiratory infection / antibiotics

There is a [NICE guidance consultation regarding Acute Respiratory Infection in over 16s: initial assessment and management](#) closing 15th September that could potentially impact on workload in general practice. We have raised this with the BMA GPC and understand that the BMA is a stakeholder for this consultation and can put forward a response.

Warning and removing patients from your list

The LMC has been receiving queries regarding warnings and removing patients from your practice list. [Please see our website for guidance and template documents.](#)

As always we are here to offer further advice so please do not hesitate to [get in touch.](#)

Training events

[Please see our website for upcoming LMC and non LMC events](#) including a NHS charity cricket event taking place in Preston.





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Guidance on GP direct access to cancer diagnostic services

[Guidance for all GP practices in England has been published to directly request fast-track cancer diagnostic tests, helping to cut down wait times.](#) GP teams across England can 'directly request CT scans, ultrasounds, or brain MRIs' for patients with 'concerning symptoms'.

The guidance has been produced with contributions by Royal College of GPs and British Medical Association.

Cancer early diagnosis campaign launches

[The 'Help Us, Help You' national cancer campaign activity to tackle barriers to timely cancer presentation is being re-run – resources to help support are available to download.](#) The campaign running on TV, online video, community radio, social media and search engines, encourages people who have noticed something in their body that doesn't feel right and are worried it could be cancer, to contact their GP practice.

Care navigation training

As part of the support offer outlined in the Delivery Plan for Recovering Access to Primary Care, practice and PCN managers can nominate one member of staff, ideally reception staff and care navigators involved in triaging requests, to complete [virtual care navigation training at foundation or advanced level.](#)

On completion, individuals will be confident to communicate effectively with patients and be able to signpost to the most relevant team member or local services depending on patient needs. This training is fully funded by NHS England until March 2024. Please email carenavigationtraining@england.nhs.uk with any questions. [Care navigation training FAQs are also available.](#)

Partnership Agreement Drafting Service - [Get in touch to find out more.](#)

The infographic features a dark purple background with a grid of white dots and geometric shapes. In the top left corner is the LMC logo. A large white speech bubble contains the following text:

The LMC offers a bespoke Partnership Agreement Drafting Services for our Practices across Lancashire & Cumbria.

We are partnered up with a specialist law firm led by a legally qualified team who specialise in partnership and contract law to ensure legal accuracy.

Having an up to date partnership agreement in place protects you as an individual and your practice, identifying responsibilities and obligations of partners at a practice. It is a vitally important document which should be agreed in advance with any incoming partner.

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