



## Update from the Consortium of Lancashire & Cumbria LMCs

Tuesday 13<sup>TH</sup> May 2025

### General Practice Alert State (GPAS)

**Due to the recent bank holiday there are no SitRep results for last week.** You can see the latest SitRep results [on our website](#).

**Submitting your results is crucial.** When we don't receive your data, it limits our ability to present a strong, accurate picture to system partners. This, in turn, weakens our case when we advocate for more resources and support for your practice.

**Your input makes a difference — thank you for taking the time to help us fight for you.**

[Please let us know](#) if you are a Practice Manager and do not receive the GPAS input emails.

If someone at your practice needs to be added to the distribution list please email [enquiries@nwlmc.org](mailto:enquiries@nwlmc.org). Submission links are sent out every Tuesday and Wednesday.

### North Cumbria LMC Webinar - Tonight

North Cumbria LMC is hosting a webinar this evening at 7.00pm to update practices on the Non-Meds LIS and planned collective action around unfunded phlebotomy. The session will cover the background to the current situation, feedback from our recent meeting with the ICB, what collective action means in our patch, and practical next steps for practices. There will also be time for questions and discussion. This is an important opportunity to come together, understand the issues, and make informed decisions about the future of general practice in our area.

If you would like to attend, please join the meeting via Microsoft Teams: [Join the meeting now](#)

### Changes to the LMC office

We are thrilled to welcome back our Communications Lead - Mariah Bellevue de Sylva (formerly Mariah Mulberry), who has been on maternity leave for the past year.

Please feel free to contact [Mariah](#) with any enquiries.

### LMC new members

We would like to give a warm welcome to all our new members who have recently joined our 5 Committees. Your voice is essential in shaping the direction of our work, and we're grateful for your dedication to representing your peers and advocating for general practice. We look forward to your contributions and collaboration.

You can see your LMC GP representatives on [our website](#).

### We still have vacancies for the following Committees:

- Lancashire Coastal: 1 vacancy for WIN
- North Cumbria: 1 vacancy for Copeland

Please [get in touch to find out more](#).





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### Requests relating to adoption processes

We have been made aware of practice concerns about unfunded asks relating to patients who are adopting, such as additional reviews of medical records that fall outside of the usual medical assessment or medical update requests that are usually chargeable services. We are in touch with colleagues involved to remind of reasonable expectations of GPs.

GPs can reasonably be expected to complete AH1 or AH2 forms when formally requested and respond to requests for medical summaries if a fee is agreed. Further review of records and providing clinically relevant updates may only be possible where requests are specific, time and resource is available in practice and suitable additional remuneration is agreed. Fundamentally, GPs cannot be expected to provide work free of charge where it involves clinical decision-making (e.g. identifying "significant health updates") and should not be expected to do so.

[BMA guidance](#) clearly states that work relating to adoption and fostering is not part of the NHS contract and that GPs are entitled to charge a fee for such work.

We recognise that for practices, other parties normalising unpaid GP work places an unfair expectation on you and can cause difficulties in practice-patient relationships. Do not hesitate to get in touch if you need any specific guidance or support.

### Speaking up support scheme

The [speaking up support scheme](#) is for past and present NHS colleagues who have experienced a significant adverse impact on both their professional and personal lives following a formal speaking up process.

Applications are open until Monday 19 May. For further information [read the support scheme FAQs](#) or email [england.speakingupscheme@nhs.net](mailto:england.speakingupscheme@nhs.net)

### Freedom to Speak Up Guardian

We would like to remind you that the LMC offers a Freedom to Speak Up service to anyone working in General Practice across Lancashire & Cumbria who wishes to raise a concern.

Mrs Faye Tomlinson is our trained Freedom to Speak Up Guardian and can be contacted via the following:

Email: [Faye.tomlinson@nwlmc.org](mailto:Faye.tomlinson@nwlmc.org)

Tel: 01772 863806





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### LCIG Engagement Event 21st May - North Cumbria only


North Cumbria like to invite you to an engagement event focused on how we can work better together to improve care for our patients and make working life better across North Cumbria.

The event is hosted by the Local Clinical Interface Group — a group of senior clinicians and managers from across Primary and Secondary Care, working together to address the issues you raise with us.

This session is an opportunity to bring clinicians from across the system together to strengthen relationships, share perspectives, and explore some of the shared challenges we face. By joining, you'll be able to help influence and shape the future direction of this work.

This event is for doctors working across Primary and Secondary Care, but plan to involve the wider multidisciplinary team in future sessions. Please book onto this event by clicking [here](#).


Event details:

 Wednesday 21st May 2025

 Armathwaite Hall Hotel and Spa, Bassenthwaite Lake, Keswick, CA12 4RE

 Arrive from 6.30pm for networking

 Food served from 6.45pm

 Session runs from 7.00/7.15–9.00pm

We hope you can join us for what promises to be a valuable and collaborative evening.

**For this event we have asked that only GPs attend (future events will involve the wider multidisciplinary teams)**

### LMC Training Events 2025

Please see a list of upcoming training events being hosted by the LMC:

- [Complaints Training](#)
- [Conflict Management](#)
- [CQC Update](#)

To book your place or find out more information, please contact [Rebecca.Noblett@nwlmc.org](mailto:Rebecca.Noblett@nwlmc.org) or view [here](#).

### Help us grow our audience

We understand that you are busy and are likely to receive many emails on a daily basis. However it is important for you to receive communications from us because **we can help and support you**.

We know there are many colleagues who do not receive our brieflet, so please help us by sharing this with your team and letting us know to add them to our distribution lists. [Contact us here](#).

