



Update from the Consortium of Lancashire & Cumbria LMCs

Tuesday 14th February 2023

Pressures in General Practice – RAG Rating System

This is a reminder to report your RAG rating to us via enquires@nwlmc.org whenever there is a change to your practice rating. You can see current figures on [our website](#).

LMC UK Conference

The next LMC UK Conference is due to take place in May 2023, and the LMC would like to ask that you get in touch with us should you have any ideas for motions. Motions put forward are considered by the agenda committee and if passed, motions are then debated by LMC representatives. Motions that are approved by Conference form the basis of BMA GPC policy.

The deadline for motions is the 28th of February 2023, so please get in touch with us before then.

LMC Vacancies and Elections

Every 2 years half of our Local Medical Committees (LMCs) retires in each of our 5 areas to give the opportunity for new GP members to join. The term of office for half of these members expires on the 31st of March and we are now holding elections.

If you are interested in being a LMC member, please let us know and we will send you a nomination form and provide you with more details.

Please note, existing LMC members can reapply, and you will need to send us your nomination form.

Please send us your nomination form by **Monday 20th February**.

Health visiting and school nursing survey

This is a reminder that Lancashire County Council is currently reviewing health visiting and school nursing. Primary Care colleagues are being asked to share their views through the [attached survey](#).

Access to records update

Some practices who have bulk added 104 codes to large parts of their population have had communications from their commissioners asking them for plans on how access is going to be given moving forward. A national approach is needed, and the BMA is working with NHSE to achieve this. Practices are advised to not take any action on this issue or any commissioner requests of you at the present time.

NHSE has [resources available to support preparing for the change](#).





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General practice team public assets – translations

NHSE's range of [digital and print materials about the general practice team have now been translated into 12 different languages](#). The information supports practice and PCN teams to share information with patients about the different professionals working in their practice. You can use these within your practice to further support patient understanding of the wider roles working in general practice.

2022/23 Network Contract DES – new finance system code

[A new finance system code that PCNs and commissioners are required to use for PCN Core Funding payments has been updated](#). The 2022/23 DES guidance contains pay codes required to support payments in the Network Contract DES. Please contact england.gpcontracts@nhs.net with any questions.

Medical certificates to establish unfitness for jury duty

Practices are reminded that medical certificates to establish unfitness for jury duty must be issued free of charge to a patient that requires one. For the full list of prescribed medical certificates issued free of charge, please see relevant [GMS](#) and [PMS](#) Regulations and [APMS Directions](#).

Register with a GP surgery service expansion

More than 100,000 successful registrations have now been submitted using the ['Register with a GP surgery' online service](#). NHSE is working with almost 600 practices to refine the service, which reduces the admin workload for GP teams by up to 15 minutes per registration, whilst offering patients choice and convenience in how they register. A new-look paper form is also being trialled which aims to make it easier for patients to complete, whilst structured in a way to support more efficient processing by practices.

This [roadmap](#) has more information. Use the self-enrolment feature or contact the dedicated support team to begin using the registration service. Further information can be found on the NHSE [resource hub](#).

A digital vision for antimicrobial stewardship – survey

The Antimicrobial Resistance Programme is seeking views and experiences of clinical and non-clinical staff who use IT systems in general practice. To [have your say on what should be built into prescribing systems to support AMS, please complete this online survey by 24 February 2023](#). The programme works to develop a digital vision for antimicrobial stewardship and will set out how clinical and electronic prescribing systems should be developed to meet the needs of healthcare professionals and patients in the future.

Training and Events

Several new events have been added to our website. Check them out [here](#).

