



Update from the Consortium of Lancashire & Cumbria LMCs

Tuesday 15th October

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.

General Practice Alert State (GPAS)

You can see the latest SitRep results below. Results can also be found [on our website](#).

The data we do not receive prevents us from providing a robust picture to system partners and hinders our efforts to push for more support on your behalf.

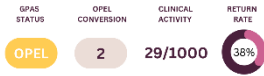
We really appreciate you taking to the time to **help us to help you.**

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



GENERAL PRACTICE ALERT STATE SITREP | 11.10.2024

LANCASHIRE & CUMBRIA DATA

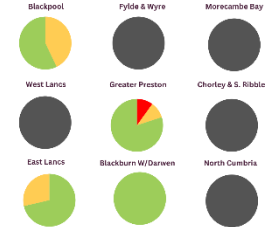


IMPORTANT FIGURES



LOCALITY DATA

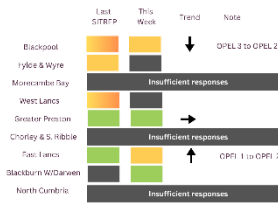
LOCALITY	GPAS STATUS	OPEL STATUS	CLINICAL ACTIVITY	RETURN RATE
Blackpool	Insufficient responses	7	29/1000	46%
Fylde & Wyre	Insufficient responses			
Morecambe Bay	Insufficient responses			
West Lancs	Insufficient responses			
Greater Preston	Insufficient responses	2	29/1000	49%
Chorley & S. Ribble	Insufficient responses			
East Lancs	Insufficient responses	7	29/1000	47%
Blackburn W/Darwen	Insufficient responses	1	28/1000	43%
North Cumbria	Insufficient responses			



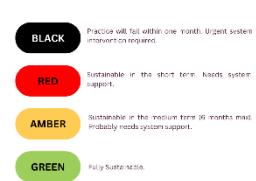
A SELECTION OF THIS WEEK'S PRACTICE COMMENTS

Also appears this week, as higher than normal, this is due to P-COVID and COVID clinics. Also of interest is a 17 year old female covering the week after being placed on waiting list. Very short staffed. Difficulties in staff and resourcing due to the ongoing pressures on General Practice.

GPAS CHANGE SINCE LAST SITREP



A QUICK GUIDE TO THE GPAS STATES



LMC NOTE:

Please continue to share your data with us so that we can ensure the system is aware of any capacity and demand concerns pertaining to General Practice.

1. The figures shown are a selection of the data reported to the Practice Management System. Full data can be accessed via the Practice Management System. 2. The figures are indicative only and should not be used for comparison purposes.

Urgent Action Required re: 4G Data Sim Cards (GP practices in MLCSU supported areas only)

In MLCSU supported areas there are currently approximately 250 4G data sim cards in use within GP practice devices. Due to supplier contract changes happening soon, practices will be required to take action to ensure the continued connectivity in those devices with existing mobile data sims.

Details have already been shared directly with practices but are repeated here for reference. Please do not delay acting on the enclosed updates:

- [L&SC Update 1](#)
- [L&SC Update 2](#)
- [Poster](#)

We are advised any queries can be directed to Alistair Riley at MLCSU: alistairriley@nhs.net

Survey on the New Medical Examiner's Office - GP Feedback Requested

As you are aware, the Medical Examiner's office has recently been established to enhance the scrutiny of deaths and improve the quality of death certification. As your Local Medical

Committee (LMC), we are keen to understand how this new system is working from the perspective of General Practice.

We would appreciate your feedback on the following aspects to help us gather insights and address any potential issues. Please **do not** include any patient identifiable information within your answers. This survey is open to all practice staff who have been involved in any interactions with the Medical Examiner's office.

Please click on the survey for your area below:

- [Central Lancashire – West Lancashire](#)
- [Central Lancashire – Chorley & South Ribble/Preston](#)
- [Lancashire Coastal](#)
- [Lancashire Pennine](#)
- [Morecambe Bay](#)
- [North Cumbria](#)

CLL & MGUS Monitoring

In July, the LMC wrote to Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB on the issue of CLL and MGUS monitoring [here](#). We have now received confirmation from the ICB that these responsibilities sit with Secondary Care and should not be requested of General Practice.

We are aware that related guidance for Primary Care has been produced by Haematology colleagues and may be circulating. We want to confirm this guidance is not in any way endorsed by the LMC and we look forward to the ICB addressing CLL and MGUS monitoring responsibilities with relevant Trusts.

Any practices receiving inappropriate requests can use template letters available on the LMC website [here](#) and are encouraged to bring concerns to our attention.

Learning Event Analysis to Improve Pancreatic Cancer Earlier Diagnosis

Lancashire & South Cumbria Cancer Alliance are supporting GP Practices in fulfilling the requirements of the PCN DES requirements through two important projects; a Learning Event Analysis on pancreatic cancer diagnoses and an audit of lung cancer referrals.

Information on the first of these - the Pancreatic Cancer Learning Event Analysis is below.

Practices are asked to review the protocol provided [here](#) and complete the Microsoft e-form indicating their participation.

Comprehensive information on the process is included in the protocol, with timelines, and the Microsoft-e-forms to be completed.

If you require any further information please contact: angela.dunne2@nhs.net

Weight Management Services - North Cumbria Only

The Regional LMC Committee, consisting of all 7 LMCs across NENC, have developed guidance [here](#) on Right to Choose, Tier 3 specialist weight management services in NENC and requests from private services. If you require further support please contact Mikaela - Mikaela.George@nwlmc.org

GPCE's Vision - Patients First: Why General Practice is Broken and How We Can Fix It

GPCE have recently launched the [Patients First: Why General Practice is broken and how we can fix it](#). Their vision details the essential changes that need to happen to save General Practice across England.

Patients First focuses on safety, stability and hope, presenting solutions for the new Government to work with them in rebuilding a transformed General Practice for the benefit of our patients and improved long-term Public Health.

GPCE explained GPs need an extra 11p per day, that's £40 per patient per year, in 2025/26 to offer fair pay and conditions for practice employees, to take on more GPs, to deliver more GP appointments and help provide safer, better continuity of care for our patients.

GPCE have shared [Patients First: Why General Practice is broken and how we can fix it](#) with the Secretary of State Wes Streeting, as well as with the Department for Health and NHS England leaders.

Compassionate Leadership Workshops - Lancashire and South Cumbria only

This is a reminder that the LMC have commissioned Amanda Super Consulting Ltd to deliver Compassionate Leadership workshops across Lancashire and South Cumbria **They are currently accessible to Assistant Practice Managers, Reception Managers, Clerical Managers, Nurse Managers etc.**

Please find below available dates:

- 30th October 9:30am - 12:30pm via Teams
- 20th November 12:30pm - 3:30pm via Teams

If you would like further information, or to book a place email Rebecca.Noblett@nwlmc.org

Practice Resilience – Promoting a Healthy Partnership

Are you interested in joining a Partnership or are you new to joining?

Does your current partnership not have a partnership agreement?

Would you like to learn more about how a partnership agreement can protect you and your fellow partners?

Join us for a one off training session on all things partnership agreements! In that session we will go through what clauses are important to have included and why. We will also discuss how a partnership agreement contributes to a resilient partnership and how it can protect the individual partners, outlining particular liabilities etc.

Date: Tues 19th November – 9am arrival, 9:30am start – 11:30am

Venue: Ribby Hall, Preston

If you are interested then please get in touch with our Events Officer - Rebecca.Noblett@nwlmc.org

Research Opportunity

Are you a qualified GP who is practising in the United Kingdom?

University College London are looking for qualified GPs who would be willing to participate in a research project exploring your perceptions on how to improve accessibility to medications for children and young people with long term conditions in Primary Care.

Do you have 25-30 minutes to take part in a semi-structured interview over Teams or on the phone?

If so, please contact Olivia Mina (ucnvoma@ucl.ac.uk)

LMC Training Events

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

- [Managing Poor Employee Performance](#)
- [CQC Update](#)
- [Change Management](#)
- [Conflict Management](#)
- [Employment Law Update - Practice Managers](#)
- [Sickness Management](#)

To book your place or find out more information, please contact Rebecca.Noblett@nwlmc.org

LMC Vacancies

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

- North Cumbria - 2 seats available
- Central Lancashire - 3 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.