

Update from the Consortium of

Lancashire & Cumbria LMCs

Tuesday 17th September

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.

You can see the national GPAS SITREP here.

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.

The BMA/GPCE have made recommendations that the GPAS System is a way of collating workload and workforce pressures within General Practice. You can find further information in the Safe Working Guidance Handbook for General Practice.

Collating BMA Collection Action Activity

As you will be aware, GP collective action commenced in August. This was on the back of a ballot which gave a very strong mandate for the BMA to proceed with collective action.

Your local LMC representatives are tasked with engaging with you to find out what action you are planning on taking or have already taken as part of the BMA's 10 collective action options. You may be asked to complete a table with your feedback to assist with this exercise.

We kindly ask that you complete one table per Practice. Please note that this response will be kept completely anonymous and it is purely for the purposes of understanding what collective action practices might be carrying out at present.

It is important to state that we are not pressuring you on these actions and we ask that you undertake only what you feel you can manage within your practice.

We will use the anonymous data to inform practices/PCNs of the action that is ongoing in that particular patch.

Please find your local LMC Representatives here or get in touch with your Executive Lead:

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Central Lancashire - Jessica.Tomlinson@nwlmcs.org

Lancashire Coastal - Toni.Parker@nwlmcs.org

North Cumbria - Mikaela.George@nwlmcs.org

Morecambe Bay - Abigail.Askew@nwlmcs.org

Inclisiran Injections - Lancashire and South Cumbria only

We have been notified that there has been the introduction and circulation to practices of a new lipid management pathway which involves the encouragement of primary care to administer inclisiran injections. We would like to remind you that the prescription or administration of inclisiran is not part of the GMS (unless commissioned via a LES).

You can find an Inclisiran rejection template here.

Partnership Agreement Updates

Have you used our LMC Partnership Agreement Drafting Service in the past? Have you had any new partners joining or leaving since we drafted your agreement?

If so, we are happy to review and update your agreement for you. Please note that the agreements we drafted from the start date of our service will also likely need updating due to system changes. Abi Askew, our drafting service lead, will be going on maternity leave near the end of this year so if you would like your partnership reviewing before she finishes then please get in touch – Abigail.askew@nwlmcs.org

Compassionate Leadership Coaching - Lancashire and South Cumbria only

This is a reminder that the LMC have commissioned Amanda Super Consulting Ltd to deliver Compassionate Leadership to practices across Lancashire & South Cumbria, as part of the resilience monies we have been awarded by the ICB. There are currently two elements that will be delivered: The Compassionate Leadership Coaching Programme and Introduction to Compassionate Leadership Workshops.

The Coaching Programmes are available via an application process to GPs and Practice Managers and the Workshops are accessible to Assistant Practice Managers, Reception Managers, Clerical Managers, Nurse Managers etc.

GPs and PMs should have received an email directly regarding the two Compassionate Leadership courses but if you haven't, would like further information, or would like to apply please email Rebecca.Noblett@nwlmcs.org

General Practice Appointment Infographics - July 2024

We have created infographics for Practices to use in your waiting rooms, websites and social media. These infographics raise patient awareness on the current state of General Practice and how practices are operating.

Some example infographics can be seen below. Feel free to pick and choose the images that are suitable for your practices needs on our website.

If you would like the images in a different format please get in touch.

LMC Training Events

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

- Complaints Training
- Managing Poor Employee Performance
- CQC Update
- Change Management
- Conflict Management
- Sickness Management

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