



Update from the Consortium of Lancashire & Cumbria LMCs

Tuesday 21st July 2026

New GPC England Officer Team

The BMA want to take this opportunity to introduce the new GPCE team. Many of you will already have seen the [email and video from the new GPC England Chair, Dr Clare Bannon](#), that went out at the end of last week. Clare is now joined by Dr Manu Agrawal, Dr David Wrigley and Dr Shan Hussain as Deputy chairs of GPCE (see their information below). In the first week they have taken GPC England feedback on the way forward and view around collective action. The BMA will be meeting with NHSE, DHSC and Ministers over the coming weeks. Whilst we are clear this is an opportunity for a fresh start, we are also clear that General practice needs a substantial increase in funding, our initial ask is for £40 per patient per year alongside contract reform.

The BMA will be consolidating the collective actions already in place with [patient facing materials](#), being sent to every practice. This will give your new GPCE team an opportunity to have initial discussions with government, as you discuss current issues with your patients over the next 6 weeks. Initial priorities are assurances that all money underspent through list verification are returned to front line GP patient care, and that NHS England produces clear guidance around the requirements for local GP agreement to referral pathways and referral forms. If these issues are not resolved quickly the BMA are working on strong collective action that practices and their GPs can take in the coming months.

Read more about taking collective action (CA) below and [access resources on taking part in CA](#).

Dr Clare Bannon

Dr Manu Agrawal

Dr Shan Hussain

Dr David Wrigley

GPC England chair

GPCE deputy chair

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Dr Manu Kishore Agrawal is an experienced GP Partner, PCN Clinical Director and Chair of the South Staffordshire Local Medical Committee (LMC). As a newly elected [Deputy Chair of the BMA's General Practitioners Committee for England \(GPCE\)](#) and dedicated advocate for the GP Partnership model, his main focus is stabilising practices by campaigning to increase core GMS funding.

Dr Shan Hussain is a GP partner based in Nottinghamshire and has worked as a GP for 19 years. He has previously served on the BMA Council and as Chair of Nottinghamshire's Local Medical Committee. He is presently the elected GPC representative for Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire.

Dr David Wrigley has been a GP partner in Carnforth, north Lancashire for over 20 years – a railway town. His practice is semi-rural across a huge geographical area of north Lancashire/south Cumbria, with five branch surgeries. Dr Wrigley has been a BMA activist for over 20 years and started out on the GP Registrars Committee and then had a regional seat on GPC for many years. He is also currently a member of BMA UK Council, vice chair of Morecambe Bay LMC and has been a chief officer and deputy chair of BMA Council.





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Collective Action for practices in July – Refusing new requests for Shared Care

Please see our recent Newsflash regarding [GP COLLECTIVE ACTION: SHARED CARE - JULY 2026](#).

Advice specific to North Cumbria and the Medicines LES will be circulated.

The BMA is asking practices to [refuse all new requests for shared care](#) where arrangements are not appropriately resourced, clinically safe, or supported by clear formal agreements. Practices are also encouraged to review existing shared care arrangements to ensure responsibilities, prescribing, monitoring and recall processes remain robust.

Taking part in this collective action is lawful.

This month's action: The BMA is encouraging practices to [write to their local MP](#) ahead of the summer parliamentary recess using its online letter-writing tool. Practices will also shortly receive campaign [posters](#) encouraging patients to support the BMA's [open letter](#) calling for increased investment in general practice.

Resources:

[Action on Shared Care Responsibilities for new patients in General Practice](#)

[Template Practice Letter to MPs about the Future of General Practice](#)

[Patient Resources and Practice Campaign Materials](#)

[Principles for Shared Care Prescribing](#)

FP69 List Cleansing BMA Update

Across England, practices are witnessing an unprecedented acceleration in patient list cleansing. What might appear to be a routine administrative exercise has rapidly become one of the most significant financial and operational challenges facing general practice this year. There is not only a financial impact on practices, but it may also be restricting patient access, especially for more vulnerable groups.

GPC England wrote to Minister Kinnock to raise BMA concerns but have only received limited reassurances about the process. However, he has confirmed that funding released from this activity will be reinvested in general practice services and the BMA are continuing to discuss with NHS England how this will be done. If your practice has seen a significant reduction in income from this process, please contact info.gpc@bma.org.uk with details along with enquires@nwlmc.org.

The BMA media team are also looking for case studies and would like to hear from practices that have been adversely affected or from patients that have been erroneously removed. Please email Travis Yearwood tyearwood@bma.org.uk in the media team for further information.





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FP69 - Patient Facing Materials

This is a reminder that we have created a patient information poster to help explain why patients may be contacted to confirm their GP registration and encourage them to respond promptly.

The poster can be displayed in waiting rooms, reception areas or on your practice website to help reduce confusion and unnecessary enquiries.

The poster is available to download [here](#).

Please read and share the [FP69 Counting the Cost Finance Impact Report](#) which highlights the impact of FP69 deductions on general practice and the need for greater transparency and safeguards.

You can also find here the correspondence sent to [Amanda Doyle and NHS England](#), together with the [results of the recent survey](#) from Dr Adam Janjua on behalf of the LMC Support Network.

High Severity Alert - GP Websites

NHS Digital has issued a high-severity cyber security alert regarding a critical vulnerability affecting certain versions of WordPress websites. Successful exploitation could allow an unauthorised attacker to execute code remotely.

The alert, CC-4815 – Critical Vulnerability Chain in WordPress Core Under Exploitation (wp2shell), relates to vulnerabilities that are currently being actively exploited.

Practices has been asked to:

- Review the NHS Digital cyber alert: [CC-4815 Cyber Alert](#)
- Contact your website provider as soon as possible to confirm whether your website is affected.
- If your website is vulnerable, ensure urgent remedial action is taken to apply the necessary security updates and patches.
- Seek confirmation from your provider once any required updates have been completed.

If left unaddressed, these vulnerabilities could allow attackers to take control of a vulnerable website, deface or disable it, install malicious code, redirect patients to fraudulent websites, or use the site to distribute malware. This could result in service disruption, reputational damage, loss of public trust and potential compromise of information hosted on the website.

Even if your website is managed by a third-party supplier, it is important to obtain assurance that the appropriate checks have been carried out and any vulnerabilities addressed.

If you have any concerns about your website's security status, please contact your website provider directly in the first instance.





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Neighbourhoods Update - BMA

The BMA are aware that in many areas practices may be feeling under pressure to agree to new neighbourhood working models, and with the announcement of the consultation on neighbourhood models announced this week, there is increasing uncertainty and concern. As the newly elected Officer Team for GPC England they are keen to make this a focus over the coming months and will be producing further guidance for practices over how to engage with these proposals in a way that protects themselves and their patients.

In the meantime, the BMA would like to reassure practices that they do not have to, and should not be pressured to, sign up to local neighbourhood proposals. There must be full and meaningful engagement with practices and LMCs to ensure there is appropriate governance in place as well as ring-fenced budgets for key areas especially around resourcing left shift of work, protections around sharing confidential data and proper utilisation of estates. Read the latest [update](#).

At a local level, the LMC is represented on the Neighbourhood Health Board, working alongside wider system partners.

Is your Partnership Agreement due a review?

If we drafted your Partnership Agreement in 2020, 2021 or 2022, it may now be the perfect time to review it.

A lot can change in a few years - Have partners joined or left the practice?

Have your working arrangements changed?

Have holiday allowances increased, or study leave allowance?

There may also be provisions that would benefit from being updated, such as your sickness and maternity leave, to ensure they continue to reflect current practice and the needs of the partnership.

You may also wish to consider adding provisions that were not included originally, such as a separate 'Intention to Join the Partnership' schedule for prospective partners to review before committing to the full agreement terms.

A regular review helps ensure your agreement remains fit for purpose and continues to protect both the Partnership and the individual partners.

If you think your agreement could benefit from an update, please get in touch with Abi Askew abigail.askew@nwlmc.org to discuss.





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Early Cancer Diagnosis Webinar – Recording Now Available

Lancashire and South Cumbria Cancer Alliance have recently hosted a webinar to support PCNs and practices on the requirements of the cancer early diagnosis aspects of the 2026/27 Network Contract DES.

You can view a recording of the webinar here: [PCN DES – Early Cancer Diagnosis Webinar Recording \(14th July 2026\)](#)

The webinar covered:

- Use of data, including how to access the new Cancer Early Diagnosis Dashboard
- Reviewing the quality of cancer referral practice
- Safety Netting practice
- Improving screening uptake and supporting uptake of the NHS Lung Cancer Screening programme
- Additional resources and support that can be accessed

If you have any questions or would like further support, please contact the Cancer Alliance Early Diagnosis team at lscicb.earlydiagnosis@nhs.net

Become an LMC Professional Associate

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Share your experience, support your peers




 **Are you an experienced Practice Manager who is passionate about supporting colleagues and strengthening general practice?**

Lancashire & South Cumbria LMC is looking to expand its team of Professional Associates to provide peer support, mentoring, and practice development across our constituent practices.

As a Professional Associate, you will use your knowledge and experience to support Practice Managers through peer reviews, personal development planning, mentoring, buddying and improvement programmes, helping colleagues develop their skills and confidence while contributing to the continuous improvement of general practice.

 Support is provided on a flexible, paid basis, with work commissioned by the LMC and aligned to agreed objectives.

 If you would like to make a positive difference to fellow Practice Managers while developing your own professional portfolio, please contact Toni Parker, Enhanced Training & Development Lead at Toni.parker@nwlmc.org





Help shape how health data is used across the NHS

Important decisions are being made about how patient data is used across the NHS - and you can help shape them.

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has commissioned a national programme of engagement to understand the views and experiences of GPs and practice managers on the use of health data. This programme is being delivered **independently** by Ipsos and Kaleidoscope Health and Care.

This is not a tick-box consultation. Your input will genuinely influence national policy and legislation.

What is this about?

The engagement covers the use of patient data across three key areas:

- **Individual patient care:** When and how other health professionals can access and add to the GP patient record (with a current focus on the Single Patient Record).
- **Planning and population health management:** How patient data is used for routine planning at regional and national levels.
- **Health research:** How GP patient data is used for research into new treatments and medications.

Why your voice matters

GPs and practice managers will be at the centre of delivering these changes - as decision-makers, trusted professionals, and the people who explain data choices to patients. Participating does not require you to take any particular position on data sharing. DHSC simply believes that hearing from professionals with a variety of perspectives, experiences, and concerns is critical.

The DHSC are looking to hear from **all types of GPs** (salaried, partners, locums at all career stages) and **practice managers/senior staff** and are especially keen to hear from those in rural, coastal, and deprived areas, as well as single-handed or small practices.

How to get involved (Flexible options)

The programme runs from July to October 2026, and you can choose the level of involvement that works for you:

- **The Survey (10 mins):** Share your immediate views and preferences on patient data sharing.
- **Inside View (60 mins):** Get up to speed with a recorded expert briefing from DHSC policy leads, available on-demand.
- **In-depth Workshops (By invitation):** The survey acts as a registration link. You can opt-in to be considered for a structured deliberative process (online and in-person sessions) working directly with policy leads to develop recommendations.

Take the 10-minute survey here: <https://survey.alchemer.eu/s3/91120146/DataEngagement>
Read more about the programme here: <https://dataengagement.kscopehealth.org.uk/>

Your participation is entirely voluntary. All data is handled in strict accordance with UK GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018. Your personal details will never be shared without your explicit consent, and all outputs will be fully anonymised.

