



Update from the Consortium of Lancashire & Cumbria LMCs

Tuesday 22nd February 2022

LMC Partnership Agreement Drafting Service

Thank you to those who have utilised our partnership agreement drafting service since it started up in September 2020 - we really hope that you have found the service beneficial.

The lead for the service, Abi Askew, will be going on maternity leave in May and, therefore, the service will be put on hold temporarily until March 2023. Abi will be resuming the drafting of agreements on her return.

If you would like a partnership agreement before Abi leaves, please email abigail.askew@nwlmc.org before 1st April. This will give Abi enough time to complete the agreement and have it finalised before the end of May.

If you have any questions, please contact Abi and she can give you more information about the service.

We would also greatly appreciate some feedback to add to our website. If any practices have had an agreement drafted, please [send through](#) a short paragraph of how you found the service and whether you would recommend it to others. Thank you!

Digital NHS COVID Pass available to children aged 12 to 15

This is a reminder that children can get an NHS Login in order to generate a digital COVID Pass via the NHS App or [nhs.uk](https://www.nhs.uk) **without the need to contact general practice.**

The NHS COVID Pass service for 12- to 15-year-olds went live in early February, and it is accessible via [nhs.uk](https://www.nhs.uk) for those aged 12 and over, and the NHS App for those aged 13 and over. In addition to providing access to the NHS COVID Pass, the NHS App will allow 13- to 15-year-olds to access other non-personalised services such as Health A-Z, organ donation and 111 online.

Children can access their digital NHS COVID Pass **without needing to undergo a Gillick competency assessment** with a medical professional. However, the NHS App will withhold children's other medical data unless an assessment has been undertaken. Patients can find out more on [the NHS website](#) or by calling 119.

Annual health checks for people with a learning disability

This [easy read letter](#) has been developed with people with lived experience and can be adapted to help explain to people with a learning disability and their family and carers that the way health checks are carried out may have changed due to the pandemic.





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Changes to procedure for National Medical Examiners

The Coronavirus Act 2020, which introduced easements to death certification processes and cremation forms, expires at midnight on 24 March 2022. Some changes have been retained on a permanent basis through other measures, and other processes revert to previous practice. The following provisions are continuing after 24 March 2022:

- The period before death within which a doctor completing a Medical Certificate of Cause of Death (MCCD) must have seen a deceased patient will remain 28 days (prior to the coronavirus pandemic, the limit was 14 days).
- It will still be acceptable for medical practitioners to send MCCDs to registrars electronically.
- The government's intention is that the form Cremation 5 will not be re-introduced after the Coronavirus Act expires.

The following emergency provisions are changing with the expiry of the Coronavirus Act on 24 March 2022:

- The provision temporarily allowing any medical practitioner to complete the MCCD, introduced as a temporary measure by the Coronavirus Act, will be discontinued.
- Informants will have to register deaths in person, not remotely.

Recording patient communication and accessibility requirements – a reminder

This is a reminder that it is important to capture patient communication and accessibility requirements within GP records. Most GP systems are able to record these requirements. These requirements play an essential role in ensuring effective patient communication within individual practices, as well as at national level. Recording this information is also one of the requirements of the [NHS England and NHS Improvement Accessible Information Standard \(AIS\)](#), which sets out a specific and consistent approach to identifying, recording, flagging, sharing and meeting the information and communication support needs of patients. [Further information](#) explains how these needs can be recorded. Over the coming months NHSEI will be reviewing the AIS and considering how the standard is implemented. [Any feedback about the AIS can be provided here.](#)

Covid vaccine spam emails

The LMC has been made aware that there are letters/ emails being sent to Practices designed to intimidate staff and adversely affect the vaccination programme. The NHSEI security team have highlighted that *the threats of legal action directed at staff have no basis in law and the claim that the SARS CoV2 injections are under Police investigation pursuant to crime reference numbers are false. Staff should be assured that the vaccination programme is completely lawful and has the full backing of the British Government and the British Legal system and these threats of legal action should be ignored.*





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Getting ready for patients to have access to their GP health records

Patients with online accounts, such as through the NHS App, will be able to see **new entries** in their GP health records. This includes patients whose practices use TPP and EMIS systems. Over the past months NHSEI held webinars for practice staff explaining what the change means. Places are still available on webinars, and it is encouraged to [book onto one](#).

Practice teams will wish to consider how they implement these changes, including the safeguarding considerations. NHSEI are working with safeguarding leads and the RCGP on this including on supporting resources and have [updated their website with further information](#). If you have additional questions, please email england.NHSXimplementation@nhs.net.

GP mythbuster 106: Primary care first contact practitioners (FCPs)

The [CQC GP mythbuster 106: Primary care first contact practitioners \(FCPs\)](#) has now been published supporting the [Health Education England Roadmaps to practice](#) for the five AHP professions (Physiotherapists, OTs, Dietitians, Podiatrists and Paramedics) moving into primary care to be proof of capability.

Within the document, the CQC outline their expectations regarding training, clinical supervision, job plans, induction, complaints and significant events and safe employment for FCPs. An FCP is any AHP clinician in primary care who is required to work at master's level clinically (clinically advanced).

Recruitment of Medical Appraisers - NHSEI - Northwest

NHSEI NW are recruiting new GP Appraisers. You should have received an email from the NW Appraisal and Revalidation Team detailing how to apply. If you are interested in applying and have not received an email, please get in touch with england.nwappraisal@nhs.net. The closing date for applications will be **Sunday 06 March 2022**. Please note, they are only able to accept electronic submissions and CV attachments and supporting documentation will not be reviewed.

If you are shortlisted after application, you will be invited to attend an interview which will be performed using Microsoft Teams. If you are successful at interview full training will be provided. The training is competency-based and upon successful completion you will be allocated two appraisals that will be quality assured by the Appraisal Leads. If you require any further information regarding the role, please let the [team](#) know.

Practice Vacancies

Please see our [website](#) for current practice vacancies. You can also [submit a practice vacancy](#) to our website for free!

