



## Update from the Consortium of Lancashire & Cumbria LMCs

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 2025

### **IMPORTANT action required - Survey on Response to the 10 Year Plan**

Last week, we [shared an urgent letter](#) outlining the concerns raised by the Government's newly published 10-Year Plan for the NHS. Due to the significant apprehension about the potential impact on General Practice, we have adopted a survey, created by Berks, Bucks & Oxon LMC. The survey aims to gather the views of constituent GPs on any issues you may personally identify and why; what outcomes you would prefer; and how willing you are to take any action. Please take a few minutes to complete this [short survey](#).

### **General Practice Alert State (GPAS)**

You can see the latest SitRep results on [our website](#).

Submitting your data is crucial. When we don't receive your data, it limits our ability to present a strong, accurate picture to system partners. This, in turn, weakens our case when we advocate for more resources and support for your practice. Your input makes a difference — thank you for taking the time to help us fight for you.

[Please let us know](#) if you are a Practice Manager and do not receive the GPAS input emails. If someone at your practice needs to be added to the distribution list please email [enquiries@nwlmc.org](mailto:enquiries@nwlmc.org). Submission links are sent out every Tuesday and Wednesday.

### **LMC letter to ICB on Prescribing Responsibilities**

The Consortium is ensuring that there is LMC representation at Lancashire and South Cumbria Medicines Management Group (LSCMMG) meetings. Following the July LSCMMG meeting, the LMC has formally outlined its position on several prescribing issues including Mesalazine, Domperidone, Denosumab, and smoking cessation treatments. The letter clarifies where prescribing responsibilities should lie, reinforces the need for shared care agreements, and calls for appropriate commissioning and safety measures before any transfer to general practice. [Read the full letter here](#).

### **Data Provision Notice**

The Data Provision Notice (DPN) for OpenSAFELY to allow expansion to non-COVID-19 analyses is expected to arrive today. This will be sent to practices using EMIS Web (Optum) and Systm One (TPP). (Medicus is out of scope currently.)

The software to allow an opt-in function for EMIS will be rolled out this week. The functionality for SystmOne is already there. Instructions should come through in due course from NHS England and it is hoped these will be self-explanatory.

### **OpenSAFELY has the full support of the BMA GPC England and the JGPITC.**

There is a level of transparency with OpenSAFELY not seen elsewhere, one of the reasons it has so much support.

**Please note practices have to comply with the Data Provision Notice by law**, however, the data will not be able to be accessed until the data controller has signalled approval.





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### Collective Action - North Cumbria only

A reminder to all practices in North Cumbria that the collective action plan agreed earlier this year supports practices to cease delivery of unfunded work of your choosing from 1st September 2025.

As part of this, practices were advised to:

- Review areas of unfunded work and determine what they plan to stop delivering
- Notify the ICB of any services they intend to cease, ideally by mid- July, to allow for planning and patient communication
- Use the provided templates and patient communication tools as needed

If you have not yet submitted notice to the ICB, you can still do so — it simply means you will stop delivering that work **28 days from the date of notice**.

Just to remind you that work that is not commissioned under a core contract or enhanced service may not be covered under the NHS Clinical Negligence Scheme for General Practice (CNSGP). This introduces serious medico-legal risk, and we strongly advise practices to cease any such work.

[Click here](#) to access the full Action Plan.

If you need support drafting communications, completing templates, or engaging with the ICB, please contact [Mikaela](#) directly.

Let's continue to act together to protect safe, sustainable general practice.

### Not all services are funded by the NHS poster

The LMC has created the following [poster](#) for you to share with your patients, should you find it helpful.

### Academy Matters - ML IT Training Newsletter - July 2025

Please see the most recent MLCSU IT training newsletter: [July 2025](#)

### Help Us Grow Our Audience

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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.

