



Update from the Consortium of Lancashire & Cumbria LMCs

Tuesday 23rd August 2022

LMC Survey – How are we doing?

The LMC has created a survey to gather feedback so that we can continue to perform our role efficiently and prioritise what matters to you. Your feedback will help shape our support, advice and services to what people need and want.

We would be so grateful if you could please complete the survey which should take you no longer than 10 minutes. [Please carry out the survey here.](#)

Warning re Scam emails

We have been made aware of fraudulent activity attempting to acquire payments for goods not supplied by invoicing using information gathered about practices. The scammer is pretending to be from a real company called Complete Office Solutions using a Gmail account.

We wanted to warn practices of this and advise the following:

- Please be vigilant and beware of anyone calling/ emailing on behalf of your normal supplier.
- Ask to speak to your normal sales representative or call them back using a phone number you know is correct.
- Check you have actually ordered and ask for proof of purchase.
- Carefully check your order before paying anything.

Details on how to report can be [found here.](#)

LMC Office changes

Jess Tomlinson has returned from maternity leave! She will be resuming her role as Executive Lead full time for Central Lancashire from 26th September. In the meantime, Ross McDuff will continue to cover Central Lancashire and Lancashire Pennine until Jess returns full time. Meet the LMC Office team [here.](#)

Enhanced Service

Last week NHSE published a letter on the [Autumn COVID-19 booster and flu vaccine programme.](#) The government have accepted the [JCVI advice](#) on the COVID-19 booster vaccination programme for autumn and the letter sets out the actions NHSE are now asking you to take, as well as operational details systems you should consider, when finalising plans.

NHSE also published the 2022-23 [General Practice Enhanced Service Specifications](#) for the Seasonal Flu Programmes. Practices are asked to confirm **by 31 August** to the local commissioner that they wish to participate in the enhanced services. Some practices may wish to collaborate with other practices to deliver flu vaccinations and a [template Influenza Collaboration Agreement](#) has been provided.

PCN Groupings that wish to co-administer the COVID-19 and flu vaccines and/or synergistically deliver them should do so in accordance with the Seasonal Influenza ES and [phase 5 COVID-19 Enhanced Service](#) where a template for COVID-19 Collaboration Agreement is also available to support co-administration and synergistic delivery.





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Improving GP finder on nhs.uk – catchment areas

A new [GP finder](#) will be launched on 15 September to improve people's experience when registering with a GP practice. A new catchment area filter will help patients find GP practices which they are eligible to register with. The filter will use the latest catchment area information from the electronic Declaration (eDEC).

[Practice staff with permission to submit their eDEC can login to SDCS](#) at any time and amend their boundaries to improve data quality; or apply more substantive changes if agreed with the commissioner. Practices are encouraged to check their catchment areas prior to launch.

Expansion of the NHS Bowel Cancer Screening Programme's home testing (FIT kit)

From April 2022 eligible 58-year-olds in England have started to receive a Faecal Immunochemical Test (FIT) kit as part of the expansion of the NHS Bowel Cancer Screening Programme. This is the second phase of the wider plan to lower the starting age of bowel cancer screening to aged 50 years by 2025.

As age extension is gradually introduced, 58-year-olds will now automatically receive an invite to do the FIT home testing kit when they become eligible. Amongst the first regions to have now commenced roll out to 58-year-olds is London, which has the lowest uptake rates in England. The FIT home testing kit is already available in England to everyone registered with a GP aged 60 to 74.

General practice workforce survey: research priority setting

The School of Health Sciences, University of Surrey, is conducting a [national survey to identify and prioritise a shortlist of service delivery challenges that require further research, as identified by the general practice workforce](#). Findings will be used to explore evidence and implementation gaps to ensure that future research seeks to address areas of unmet need, as determined by the workforce. It asks what is working well in general practice, where are the challenges and what needs fixing. The survey closes on Friday 23 September 2022.

For attention of respiratory leads: Fractional exhaled Nitric Oxide (FeNO) testing in Primary Care

The University of Hull, in collaboration with Hull York Medical School (HYMS), are doing a short survey to explore the use of FeNO testing within English primary care settings and would like to hear from primary care clinicians.

If you are a clinician working in primary care as a GP, General Practice nurse, Advanced Clinical Practitioner, Nurse Practitioner or Nursing Associate, please complete their [short questionnaire](#). The survey will collect information relating to the current use (if any) of FeNO testing in primary care. The team hope their findings may help promote the equitable provision of FeNO testing and supported learning packages for primary care clinicians.

