



Update from the Consortium of Lancashire & Cumbria LMCs

Tuesday 24th May 2022

LMC Maternity

Abi Askew, Lead Exec for Pennine, will shortly be going on maternity 31st May. Ross McDuff, currently Lead Exec for Central Lancashire, will cover Pennine whilst Abi is away. Her emails will be monitored by the LMC team, but please email enquires@nwlmc.org in the first instance for any queries.

LMC Partnership agreement drafting service

This is a reminder that the partnership agreement drafting service will be temporarily unavailable until Abi returns. As this is Abi's final working week, she is unable to make any amendments to agreements.

GP Letters for School Examinations

It has come to our attention that GPs are receiving requests for letters to support special consideration for school examinations. We have written a [letter](#) which we will be sending to the councils to circulate to schools to remind them of the guidance. You can also use this letter if you receive any requests from schools going forward.

For other workload templates please see our [website](#). If you think we are missing any workload templates, please get in touch.

LMC UK conference 2022

The [2022 UK LMC Conference](#) took place 10 and 11 May in York. The resolutions and election results can be found [here](#).

Rebuild General Practice

The [Rebuild general practice campaign](#) continues to tackle the crisis facing general practice. The campaign has been building awareness of the key issues in the media, with the public and with politicians.

On last week's LMC Brieflet we highlighted the latest activity 'letter to my patients'. The letter has been launched and can be found [here](#). If you would like to add your signature to the letter, please get in touch with [Mariah](#). The more signatures on the letter, the more impactful this will be! Please like, comment, and retweet the open letter on Twitter!

You can see Dr Rachel Ward's interview in the [Daily Express](#). It is a supportive piece hitting all the campaign's key messages.





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Delayed contractual changes for deceased patient records

NHSEI have confirmed that the contractual changes for the management of deceased patient records have yet to take effect. This is due to required legislative and system changes remaining outstanding and means that practices should continue printing and sending the full records to PCSE until NHSEI notifies the profession otherwise. PCSE will also retain the obligation to process AHRA requests it receives directly until that time.

Navigating the GP sponsorship process webinar

The BMA has partnered with legal firm Magrath Sheldrick, who oversee their [immigration advice service](#), to develop a webinar on navigating the GP sponsorship process. The webinar is aimed at GP employers and offers practical tips on how to navigate the current sponsorship process to recruit non-UK nationals and addresses frequently asked questions on the process itself. The link to the webinar is [here](#).

If you have any questions or would like to share your experiences of navigating the sponsorship process, please contact [Caroline Strickland](#), Senior Policy Advisor, International Affairs.

More information about certificate of sponsorship is available on the [BMA website](#)

GP training needs reform: the status quo isn't working for anyone

A recent BMA survey has shown a shocking level of unacceptable behaviour towards trainees. Read more in this [blog](#) by Euan Strachan-Orr, chair of the BMA's GP Trainees Committee.

Improvements to benefit eligibility at the end of life

On Monday 4 April 2022, eligibility for the Special Rules changed. This means that individuals can make a fast-tracked claim to two working age benefits if they have an estimated 12 months or less to live. To support people accessing these benefits and to find out more about the **new** process and medical evidence form, [DWP have published this guidance](#).

Shape the future of GP data sharing

NHS Digital want your views on the access to and use of data to help them to shape their thinking and to drive change - [please complete this five minute survey](#). They want to hear from all members of staff, so please share with your team. The survey will close on **Friday 10 June 2022**.

Managing inappropriate and unacceptable patient behaviours

The Primary Medical Care Policy and Guidance Manual has been updated with a new chapter on [managing inappropriate and unacceptable patient behaviours, including protecting against discrimination, harassment or victimisation \(chapter 6\)](#). This includes information on contract regulations on managing these behaviours including racial abuse and microaggression and considerations for ensuring ongoing access for patients removed from a practice patient list.





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Our NHS Pension presented by DR Solicitors

We are delighted to be working with DR Solicitors to bring you the “Your NHS Pension and the implication of the allowances and age discrimination case” event, taking place Wednesday 15th June 2022, 6pm – 7pm via Microsoft Teams. This will be presented by Nils Christiansen of DR Solicitors and Paul Gordon of MacArthur Gordon. For more information and to book on, please visit our [website](#) and/ or get in touch with [Rebecca](#).

Annual health checks to patients aged 14 years or over on the learning disabilities register

Under the Learning Disability Health Check Scheme (LDHC) Directed Enhanced Service (DES), GP practices are required to offer an annual health check to each patient aged 14 years or over on the learning disabilities register. [The requirements are set out in the DES Directions 2022](#). During the pandemic, NHSEI advised GP practices that the LDHC could be undertaken with a blend of remote and in person appointments.

However, recent feedback of patient experience has indicated a preference to return to face-to-face checks and GP practices should now ensure that **at least part of the check is face to face** unless there is a strong clinical and / or patient preference for not doing so. Where the LDHC has already been delivered virtually this financial year, this will still be counted. [More information can be found here](#).

The GP Learning Disability Register (GPLDR)

A person does not need a formal learning disability diagnosis to access the GPLDR. [Guidance](#), including a [checklist](#), is available to support Primary Care where they believe someone meets the criteria and would benefit from an Annual Health Check (AHC), with the option of using a non-diagnostic SNOMED code to support this process.

It's important to ensure you capture Children and Young People (CYP) in the GPLDR, so that eligible people aren't missed. GPLDR should be reviewed and updated at least annually. New additions to the GPLDR are supported via QOF with four points allocated for new additions.

